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All hands on deck

Council focuses attention on Local Plan

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by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH has had to completely reorganise staff to tackle its crucially important town centre master plan.

Colleagues who should have dealt with the town centre blueprint have had to be taken off the project because they are urgently needed for continued work on the Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset Local Plan which has hit problems.

They will now concentrate on advice given by Government inspector Paul Crysell which needs to be dealt with if the Local Plan is not to risk joining 43 out of 46 other Local Plans which are now facing potentially long delays for completion after being suspended following public examination.

Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset are pinning their hopes of avoiding that on answering the inspector's concerns particularly over how much land they need for future housing.

So senior council figures have taken on board legal views which "very strongly" advised them to do more work on the strategic housing assessment so it would not be an issue at public examination to enable the Local Plan to be completed as soon as possible.

Weymouth and Portland environment spokesman Councillor Ian Roebuck said it meant a decision was taken to focus Local Plan staff on that project and create a new team of staff to take over work for the town centre master plan.

He added that "extra studies" were being recommended for planners to carry out before continuing with the public examination into the draft joint Local Plan.

This is because Mr Crysell has told both Weymouth and Portland and West Dorset that, although most other issues had been resolved by his exploratory meeting with them, he had "continuing concerns that the councils had not undertaken an objective assessment of housing needs consistent with the requirements of the National Policy Planning Framework".

Mr Crysell offered both councils the option of deferring public examination hearings so that further work could be done to address his concerns and councillors are being recommended to accept this option, particularly as only three of 46 Local Plans submitted last year across the country have been confirmed on public examination.

Defining housing need was the most common cause of challenge.

Mr Roebuck said: "It is important to recognise that the Inspector is not saying we have got our housing numbers wrong, rather that we have not provided sufficient evidence for him to be con-

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DEATH NOTICE

NORMA ISABEL COOPER
(Formerly of Haye Close, Lyme Regis)

Died peacefully on 24th February at the Rothsay Grange, Weyhill, Andover. Beloved wife of the late Desmond Cooper, dearly loved mother to Michael, grandmother to Sarah and Elizabeth and great-grandmother to Poppy

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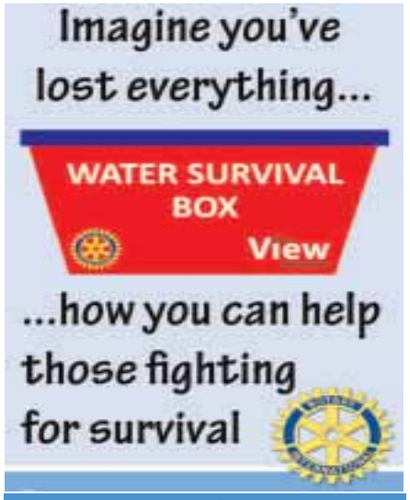

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CRAIG Womble, originally from Derbyshire, came to Dorset via the Navy where he served in a variety of roles over his service, including an aircraft handler and firefighter.

His first draft 'down south' in 1982 was to Yeovilton, and his last sea draft was on the aircraft carrier, HMS Invincible.

He joined up, he says, because it looked like an 'interesting job'. It was in much the same frame of mind that he came to the Volunteer Centre, Dorset, initially to run the organisation's volunteer garden help scheme on a part-time basis.

After just a few months part-time Craig became full time and is now deputy manager at the organisation's base in Dorchester, where he has now worked for over a decade.

● **WHAT attracted you to the job in the first place?**
People, I like being around people, and like the Navy some of the skills are transferrable – organising my time and other people's time to best advantage with a team. But of course it's a little bit different and not so much results-driven, and everyone we work with is a volunteer, apart from a handful of paid staff in the office.

● **DOES it make any difference that people are volunteers and don't have to do what they are asked to?**
Not really. All the volunteers I have ever worked with are here because they want to be here and have a sense of purpose. They're not here for the money and they want to get something else out of if. There are more and more people wanting to volunteer and most of them are looking to do something meaningful where their contribution can make a difference.

● **HAS the type of volunteer changed over the years?**
To some extent – we are now getting more people from professional backgrounds, largely because of redundancy or taking early retirement, although the number of older volunteers has dropped off a bit lately. However, this has been made up for by an influx of younger people, often looking to get work experience.

● **AND what sort of work do people give their time to?**
It can be anything – there is always a need for volunteer drivers, we can never get enough. Some offer general office support for organisations, some are keen to mentor older or younger people, many work with people with disabilities, some are active in marketing organisations and we still have a lot of hands-on roles such as the garden scheme, where volunteers help others who are not able to look after their garden any longer and can't afford paid help.

● **AND I guess rules and regulations have tightened up over the years?**
Yes, and quite rightly. Those working with vulnerable people need to have their backgrounds checked and we, ourselves, offer training in areas such as health and safety, first aid, mentoring and supporting people as well as customer service skills. For some of our volunteers, younger people in particular, these skills and the experience they have with us are useful in finding a job or setting out on a career. People do tend to move on and we want them to move on.

● **SO how many volunteers and opportunities do you have across Dorset?**
We used to have hundreds of volunteers and opportunities, now it's literally thousands. We have about 12,000 volunteers on our books but people do move in and out of volunteering so the figure is quite fluid. We also have about 2,000 vacancies at any one time, but that's never enough. Our biggest challenge is ensuring there is enough choice of opportunities for volunteers, spread across the county.

● **SO you're a bit like a dating agency?**
In a way… and of course the better we know the volunteer and the organisations we work with the better the match. We do expect the organisations we work with to have proper volunteer policies and to treat volunteers as they would their staff, that they offer training and induction and can offer expenses and have policies such as inclusivity and non-discrimination.

● **DO you have your own favourite projects?**
I do like projects where we can see an end result. Personally, I still quite like to get hands-on and if I get a chance I'm quite likely to get out of the office and go and help. The volunteers seem to like it as well if you are working alongside them and it gives them a chance to talk about anything which they may be concerned about.

● **IF there was anything which would make your life easier at work, what would it be?**
I would like to see more funding support. It's very much hand to mouth here and without help from local councils and other organisations our life would be much more difficult. But of course, times are harder for them now as well, which is worrying, although the trend to use volunteers in organisations is growing and there is more and more people who want to volunteer.

● **AND outside of work, do you have hobbies?**
I dabble in antiques, it's been an interest for a number of years. I will often go to the events they hold at Shepton Mallett. I'm also keen on fishing - coarse, sea and game and for eight years I was a football coach at the time my lad was playing from about the ages of eight to 16. I do go and see films, usually with my wife or daughter, although I wouldn't describe myself as a film fan and I like productions which have a powerful message - "Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom" was just superb.

● **WHAT sort of people would you like to have to dinner?**
I like sporty people, especially those with a bit of character; Ian Botham I could sit and chat to for hours. I like people who have got strong opinions, someone who says it as it is, and who doesn't take offence if you are critical of their views.

● **AND what would you eat?**
Italian or Indian. My dad was born in India so we always had a lot of traditional curries, I like fish curries and meat. I'd hope my wife would cook, she's a great cook, I usually do the easier stuff, curries or a stew.

● **AND when the day comes for you to take retirement – do you think you will find some time to volunteer?**
Yes, I would probably come back as a volunteer if it was a practical role, assuming I could still do a practical role in a few years' time! I like working with people and supporting people, and working with a team, so I can't see me sitting around and doing nothing.

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Weymouth and Portland is named 'region of the future'

WEYMOUTH, Portland and the rest of Dorset have been recognised as a place for inward investment in 2014.

Dorset has been recognised as a "region of the future" by fDi Intelligence Magazine, produced by the Financial Times and distributed globally to international investors and companies looking to expand into foreign countries.

The county has been recognised as a Top 10 Small European Region of the Future 2014 and is also listed in the Top 25 European Regions of the Future.

Other places ranked as a Top 10 Small European Region include Copenhagen, Bristol, Bath, and Zurich.

The award was given after submissions were made to fDi Intelligence Magazine.

This is a first for Dorset and recognises the borough council's work with the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership to support local owned businesses and attract new foreign owned businesses to the area.

In addition to the article and entries in the fDi Intelligence Magazine and website, the area will be promoted and celebrated at international property and business growth events in Cannes and Kuala Lumpur in March.

Councillor Ian Munro-Price, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council Economic Development brief holder, said: "It is fantastic news that the borough and Dorset have been recognised in the Top 10 of Small European Regions of the Future 2014 by fDi Intelligence Magazine.

"This sort of recognition really puts Weymouth, Portland and the rest of Dorset on the map as somewhere to create or expand business."

Gordon Page, Chairman of Dorset LEP welcomed the award, and added: "It is brilliant to see that Dorset has been recognised as an up and coming investment location for business."

To find out about economic regeneration in Weymouth and Portland visit www.dorsetforyou.com/economic-regeneration/weymouth-and-portland

Sign up to receive latest news and service information direct at www.dorsetforyou.com/enews.

Plants needed for playgarden

PEOPLE are being urged to bring along any spare plants they may have on Sunday, March 2nd, when Weymouth's Chapelhay Community Playgarden holds a community planting day.

They aim to plant anything that people bring along from a humble tomato or forget-me-not seedling to the 6ft palm tree they've been promised!

Donations in advance can left outside 6 Prospect Place.

Everyone attending is urged to take along a trowel or spade if possible and the group says it also plans to create a herb garden for everyone to use.

Co-op to open new store at Link Park

by Harry Walton

PLANNING permission is being sought to open a new 4,000sq ft Co-operative store at Link Park, Chickerell, Weymouth.

The new convenience store being applied for by DJ Property will create around 20 new jobs and is expected to open in late 2014.

DJ chief executive Mickey Jones said "This new Co-operative store represents a significant investment for the western area of Weymouth and Chickerell.

"At the moment households have to travel across to the eastern side of Weymouth to visit two large supermarkets or into the centre of Weymouth to access others.

"Many new homes, schools and businesses are proposed for Chickerell and the surrounding industrial area in the future and therefore it is very important that we can offer a sustainable retail solution on this side of the town.

"The new Co-operative 'Generation 2' convenience store will offer fresh produce, fresh dairy products, a bakery and other essential items, together with a cash point and ample free car parking for customers.

"This development will also have 4,000 sq ft of high quality offices at first floor level. The proposed development will feature ample parking, cycle parking, a separate office entrance, lift and a shower room for employees who may choose to cycle or run to work."

Co-operative Food South West regional acquisitions manager Gareth Dexter said: "The new Link Park site in Chickerell will be important to us.

"The local community has indicated that they would like a store closer to where they live and work.

"At the Co-operative we pride ourselves on trading in the heart of many communities. This investment will bring a bright, modern store with an extensive fresh produce range and excellent customer service. It will ensure a pleasant shopping experience and people will be able to enjoy picking up delicious food conveniently.

"We look forward to welcoming new customers, meeting the community's daily food shopping needs and, in the best traditions of The Co-operative, making our contribution to local life."

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fident that we have covered all the options available in the changed and changing economic climate."

The inspector has said six months is the maximum delay he will accept.

Mr Roebuck said: "In order to meet that and to get our draft plan through the examination hearings before the end of this calendar year, we will be asking our existing team to focus on this task rather than moving on immediately to fleshing out the Weymouth Town Centre Master Plan.

"This is unfortunate, but we have got a very clear framework for the Town Centre Strategy which is laid down in the draft plan.

"We are allocating alternative staff to carry on with the job of preparing the more detailed work on the town centre master plan in parallel with our efforts to bring the overall plan to fruition in the expectation that we can confirm this as a formal supplementary planning document as soon as the Local Plan is adopted."

"Some of the issues which are absolutely crucial to the town centre master plan have to be got in place such as sites where public car parking at ground floor level may now have development above it.

"We are trying to stop people coming up with one-off applications for development and instead pursue a master plan which can guide future development discussions across the town."

The council is also trying to deal with other master plan issues including how the seafront's unique character can be retained while selling off hotels to encourage further economic development.

Mr Roebuck said: "Getting the Local Plan through is the highest priority, but the town centre master plan is a close second.

"Aspects of that master plan can go ahead before it is fully completed and they include the redevelopment of North Quay, selling off the Guildhall and the future of harbourside car parking."

He added that creating a second team of staff to deal with the town centre master plan meant both important projects could forge ahead as swiftly as possible.

A clear strategy for development is seen as vital for the town centre if it is not to risk failing to meet its potential and falling into decline.

More than 400 new homes and significant retail and business opportunities form part of the master plan with flooding, potential land contamination, areas of pedestrian and traffic conflict and run down and underused sites among the main problems and issues to be discussed.

Priorities include dealing with flood risk, improving first impressions of the area particular the Swannery car park, railway station and ferry terminal, making the town centre more pedestrian friendly and ensuring that development respects Weymouth's special character.

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ARE you single and looking for a date or someone who just wants a fun filled night out?

If you fit the bill then a new Weymouth charity event based on the hit ITV show, Take Me Out, will be the event for you.

Weldmar Hospicecare is organising the event and hopes to match ten couples who will be treated to an all-expenses paid date courtesy of Nando's in Brewery Square, Dorchester.

Just like the hit ITV programme, Weldmar is looking for 30 single women and 10 single men.

One by one the men will have the opportunity to impress the ladies through three rounds. Each woman will have a light in front of them. If they don't like what they see they can turn off their light. No Likey, No Lighty!

By the end of the night Weldmar hope that ten perfect matches will be made and, instead of going to the Isle of Fernandos as on the television show, they will go … For Nando's!

Event organiser Matt Smith said: "This event is all about having fun and creating an enjoyable evening for the participants and audience members. The response to this event has been fantastic but we still need singles to sign up to help make the evening successful.

"If people are concerned about signing up on their own, why not register with a group of friends? It really will be an enjoyable evening and you may even find your life long partner by the end of it."

Take Me Out will be held at 7pm on Friday, March 21st, at Weymouth Pavilion.

Audience tickets are on sale now at just £7 each which includes watching the dating show and access to the after party. Singles can also register now for just £12.

For more information please phone Matt on 01305 261800 or visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/takemeout.

The money raised from Take Me Out will go towards funding the continuation of care that Weldmar provides throughout Dorset.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust would like to thank both Weymouth Pavilion and Nando's of Dorchester for very kindly supporting this event.

Community minibus directory available online

A NEW Dorset Minibus Directory and Volunteer driver information is now available on the dorset-foryou website.

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Chamber elects new leadership team

WEYMOUTH and Portland Chamber of Commerce 2014-2015 executive committee members *Photo by Lara Jane Thorpe Photography*

by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH and Portland Chamber of Commerce has selected a new leadership team.

Julie Cleaver of Popcorn Marketing was elected president at their annual meeting and she is joined on the executive committee by new vice-president, Shellie Hind of Redferns Solicitors, and new treasurer, Mike House of Albert Goodman.

Julie began her year as president with a speech saying she was honoured to be elected, adding that the local business community had been through a stormy time recently but that lessons learned can be built on for a stronger future.

She said the chamber had gone from strength to strength over the last few years, with membership up about 30 percent in 2013.

The monthly business breakfasts, sponsored by Lloyds Bank, continue to attract 70-80 people each time and the chamber will also be continuing its popular speed networking event, BreakNet Speed, sponsored by Old Mill.

Ten new members joined the chamber last year when it held its first Buddy Breakfast event.

Julie said: "This year will again be a challenging one for us all, but we can say that business is improving.

"We now have a Business Improvement District which is working very hard on attracting more visitors to the area. We have welcomed many new national businesses to the borough such as Sainsbury's, Beefeater and Screwfix, and continue to see many new businesses choosing Weymouth and Portland as a great place to invest and create new jobs."

Julie thanked outgoing President, Mark Blunden, for all his hard work, also thanking executive committee members stepping down after years of service including Mark Franklin and Fiona Penny and also Alison Cocks who has been awarded honorary membership of the chamber. Outgoing treasurer Mr Franklin said the chamber had a £1,800 surplus in the last year.

Mr Blunden used his final presidential address to highlight a year of successful events including the president's dinner, summer barbecue and Bollywood charity ball which raised more than £1,700 for the RNLI.

He added: "Business-wise 2013 was a challenging year for us all, but there are some signs that a long overdue recovery is on the way. That said, I don't think we are out of the woods yet and patience and diligence is needed as much now as ever.

"It is crucial that the councils in their united form seek to invest in projects and look for intelligent ways to bring business and growth into the area. Their long-term plans are welcome, but some quick wins are still needed along with people in these key positions with the will and determination to make changes and make them soon, including progress at North Quay, Brewers Quay and of course the Pavilion Peninsular."

The meeting closed with a buffet, which included a special chamber cake made by Ian Gill of Arty Party Cakes. The meeting was held at Oasis Bistro and Wine Room in Weymouth.

Country and western night for Andrea

REVELLERS will be grabbing their partners for a night of Western song and dance in Weymouth on Saturday, March 1st.

Popular Bridport-based band "No Country 4 Old Men" are playing a special charity gig at the Centenary Club.

The event, in aid of the Joseph Weld Trust, has been organised in memory of local woman, Andrea Macleod, who recently lost a long and brave battle with cancer.

Event organiser Mel Symes said: "Andrea endured a long and painful battle and sadly passed away just before Christmas.

"She was a friend to many and a huge fan of live music. We wanted to do something in Andrea's memory and a country and western night was perfect because it's just the sort of thing she would have enjoyed.

"During her illness, Andrea received great care and support from the Joseph Weld Trust in Dorchester and so we have decided to donate all the proceeds from the evening to them – something she would have been really pleased about."

Tickets for the event are priced at just £10 which includes a buffet. There will also be a prize raffle.

Mel said: "It should be a fabulous event and it would great to see a big crowd on the night. People are encouraged to wear western-style fancy dress but it is not compulsory.

"Can I also say a big thanks to No Country 4 Old Men, the Centenary Club and caterer, Paul Dixon, who have all helped tremendously in the organising of the event."

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact 07542545281.

Night of Nordic delight

THE Friends of Weymouth Library are presenting a Night of Nordic Delight.

The event on Saturday, March 15th at 7.15pm will be an informal evening of prose readings, a five-course meal, music, raffle and quiz all with a Nordic theme.

Tickets are £13.50 for non members of FOWL which includes all entertainment, food and soft drinks. People can bring their own alcohol if they wish.

Those who want more information or wish to buy a ticket can do so from Mary Gracie on 01305 832943.

Park friends meeting

WEYMOUTH'S Friends of Lodmoor Country Park are holding an open meeting at the Lodmoor Inn tonight (Wednesday, March 5th) at 7pm.

Anyone is welcome to attend to hear about developments in the park and to share ideas.

Proceeds from the raffle will be sent to the British Lung Foundation in memory of the first chairman of The Friends, Vera Gatfield, who died earlier this year.

The Spring litter pick in Lodmoor Country Park will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 10.15am-11.30am.

Some gloves and equipment will be provided and those able to attend should meet at the Galleon children's play area-Green Gym Station 3.

All help will be very welcome and more details of both events are available from Dinah Ellis on 01305-772075.

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This year b-side festival from September 5th-14th will be supporting Royal Manor Theatre's Sponsor a Seat campaign in a rather special way.

Bristol based performer Tom Marshman is offering seat sponsors the chance to have their story made into a short live performance.

This is a unique opportunity to support Royal Manor Theatre by sponsoring a seat and receiving a bespoke performance celebrating your special chair with all proceeds going directly to the theatre.

Ten lucky people could have their personal stories transformed into a live performance by Tom to be performed at the theatre as part of the festival in September.

Local Portland girl Storm Wallace is just one of the lucky few to be taking part. b-side Festival nominated her following Storm's tireless community work on Portland during the recent storms that hit the Island.

TOM Marshman

Festival producer Sandy Kirkby said: "There was so much focus on Portland during the recent severe weather and we were following the 'action' as it happened on Facebook and twitter.

"Storm's name kept cropping up and we could see her galvanising locals to clean the beach, help local people affected by the storms and much more. We want to celebrate local community heroes like Storm and this is a rather unique way to do it. Now there will be a seat named in her honour at the theatre as well as The Storm Wallace story live on stage!"

Anyone who would like to sponsor a seat and see their own or a loved one's story performed live onstage can call in and meet Tom Marshman who will be talking about his Royal Manor Theatre project alongside other b-side artists on Tuesday, March 4th, from 7pm at Jacksons Gallery, Fortuneswell, Portland.

Anyone who can't make the evening but would like to get involved in the sponsor a seat project should contact producer@tommarshman or call b-side festival's Sally Watkins on 07974 698526.

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Take a trip down memory lane

A DISPLAY of the history of the villages of Upwey and Broadwey in Weymouth will be on show at an exhibition on March 8th-9th.

The event at the Memorial Hall in Victoria Avenue, Upwey, will run from 10am-4pm on both days, admission is free and refreshments will be available.

The displays show how the villages have changed over the years and recalls events, celebrations, people and places over the past 100 years or so.

Until about 40 years ago the villages were almost self-sufficient, with bakers, grocery stores and separate schools. The exhibition uses photos and information provided by residents past and present to show how village life used to be.

Organiser Sue Virgin said: "There's been a terrific response to a request for information and as much as possible has been used.

"This includes Upwey and St Nicholas, Broadwey School photos from 1900 until they closed in 1976 and 1972 respectively. They are displayed with extracts from the headmasters' log books to remind past pupils of some of the events in school life."

Also on show will be the Life and Times of Broadwey Secondary Modern School as recorded by Mr Flay's Publishing Club from 1949 when the school opened until 1975.

There will be sports teams displayed including football, cricket, skittles and darts as well as aerial photos taken in 1947, 1972 and 1997 showing how the villages have developed and grown.

Street scenes with information about the shops-businesses which were there will also be exhibited.

Posters and photos from variety shows put on by Madge and Alwen Moon in the 1950s-1960s which gave many local youngsters a chance to perform will also be on show.

Sue said: "The exhibition has a wide variety of displays. There'll be something for everyone, so come along and enjoy a trip down memory lane or find out about life in the villages in days gone by.

UPWEY School from 1964

Thieves steal men's mountain bike

THIEVES have stolen a black and white Scott gents mountain bike from a property on Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

Police say the theft took place between 4pm-4.15pm on February 21st. Anyone who saw anything suspicious or who has information about the theft should contact Dorset Police on 101 or Crime Stoppers on 0800-555111 quoting crime number 007389.

Beach quad bike event rescheduled

ORGANISERS are now making arrangements for a weekend featuring quad bike racing on Weymouth Beach on November 15th-16th.

The original event date last weekend had to be scrapped by ORE Events because of serious weather concerns.

Spokesman Duncan Irons said: "Following consultation with Weymouth and Portland council we regrettably had no option, due to continued severe weather warnings for this week, but to postpone the Weymouth Beach X.

"The main concern was for the safety of both competitors, trade exhibitors and spectators with potential wind damage to the temporary structures required for the event including trade stands, security fencing and signage to name a few.

"As event organisers we are in the spotlight for this type of event and have duty of care to the public. We want them to enjoy the fantastic spectacle of our sport but more importantly be safe.

"The storms Weymouth has already endured have caused significant damage to the beach and moved high volumes of sand to one end. This would also cause severe restrictions with the course build.

"We have been able to confirm a new event date with the council which will be on November 15th-16th.

"We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused and, on a positive note, we are looking forward to November with current rider entries already topping 2013."

If you have a news story or a photo call Harry Walton on 01305 787843

■ **CLUB Members received a visit from Dogs for the Disabled and were fascinated to find out what the dogs are trained to do**

Making friends at companions club

RADIPOLE Companions Club in Weymouth is inviting more local older people who are at a loose end on a Tuesday afternoon to go along and join in.

The friendship club in Radipole provides an opportunity for local older people to meet together, make new friends and have fun.

Afternoons are quite varied with speakers, entertainers and other activities including outings and there is also plenty of time at every meeting when members can just sit and chat while enjoying a nice cup of tea.

The club is run by charity Brendoncare which has 19 clubs in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. These clubs provide their members, most of whom live alone, with a really valuable trip outside their home each week and make a real difference to the lives of many of them.

The organisers of Radipole Companions Club hope that more older local residents will get in touch or just drop in to visit.

The club meets from 2pm-4pm every Tuesday afternoon at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road, Radipole, Weymouth. New members are always very welcome.

For more details call 01202 722211 or visit www.brendoncare.org.uk.

Event to highlight prison's new role

AN event is being held in Weymouth to raise local awareness about the realities of immigration detention and how people can help set up a local visitors group to support detainees.

Indefinite Detention in Dorset: IRC The Verne starts at 6.45pm in St John's Church, Greenhill, on Thursday, February 27th.

It follow Portland's Verne Prison reopening this month as an Immigration Removal Centre which will hold 580 detainees without time limit for administrative purposes in what will be the UK's second largest detention centre.

The Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees, which is organising the Greenhill evening, was formed in response to the increasing use of immigration detention in the UK, volunteers being concerned about the welfare of immigration detainees.

The group also recognises the work of volunteer visitors in ensuring that those detained without time limit and without family and friends in the UK have access to support and someone to talk to.

College mark National Apprenticeship Week

A SPECIAL event is being held at Budmouth College in Weymouth as part of National Apprenticeship Week.

Anyone considering returning to work, a change in direction or who is new to the world of work can come along and speak to local employers and training providers about their vacancies, traineeships and apprenticeships.

Advice, guidance and support will be available on full and part-time jobs and training opportunities in what is being hailed as "a wonderful opportunity for our communities".

The event on Tuesday, March 4th runs from 3.30pm-6pm.

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleaven

Creation reversed

AN unbeliever said to me that where, in the creation story, the Bible says God created man in His own image, he argued that actually man created God in his own image. Whilst I accept the traditional interpretation of scripture, I have thought much about what the unbeliever said.

I do wonder if we sometimes wrongly try to think of God from a human point of view. In other words, whether we are ourselves in danger of reversing what the Bible says. (Genesis 1:27) God's ways are often mysterious and certainly above and beyond the way we work things out. In no way can we compare ourselves with the creator of the whole universe.

The clear answer is that we place our whole trust in a living God Who knows the end from the beginning and never makes a mistake. I have often said that we sometimes try to slot our faith into man made compartments. We should never do this because God's word is much bigger than any analysis we can attempt.

There is an old hymn that says: "If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word." Personally, that is my approach and it works!

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'Evacuees' experience wartime Britain at fort

CHILDREN ducked as "bombs" rained down on them during a visit to enjoy the Nothe Fort's annual World War II Evacuee Experience in Weymouth.

Youngsters and adults alike were taught air raid drill and how to put out fires.

They also got to grips with old £-s-d money in the Fort's 1940s shop before they helped Mrs Mop with the washing using a washing dolly and a mangle.

It might have been half term but youngsters were also sent back to a World War II school complete with liquid ink and steel-knibbed pens which they used to write a postcard "home" to tell their parents where they had been evacuated to.

Fort spokesman Jane Chandler said: "Their final visit was to the Weymouth At War exhibition including D-Day departures which brought home to them some of the sacrifices made during the war.

"We also gave all visitors a super spam sandwich and a bowl of soup for their lunch in true wartime ration style.

"In all over the two-day event we had 76 visitors for the experience which is up on previous years.

"We only run this event each February and we are planning to repeat it in 2015."

■ GEORGE porter and Xavier Dunn serve sweets to Edward Porter, James Porter and Finian Dunn watched by Jacky McElroy

■ ELLIE Wilkes-Hester and Marcus Hester in "bomb ravaged" Weymouth

Street fair to return this summer

SUTTON Poyntz will be holding its biennial street fayre later this year on June 29th.

The event has been held since 1994 and has so far raised almost £75,000 which has been distributed amongst many charities.

Each street fayre attracts an average of more than 6,000 people plus children who attend free to enjoy a day of family fun with craft stalls, live music, lots of children's entertainment, cream teas, Pimms and strawberries, a barbeque, a farmers' market and a grand charity auction.

There is also the spectacle of keeping a Victorian tradition alive with villagers and stall holders dressing up in period costume.

Spokesman Dave Langridge said: "We are expecting thousands of people to attend the event.

"This year marks the eleventh time the fayre has been run."

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A personal View by HARRY WALTON

I'm just a dedicated follower of fashion!

ANYONE been following the Spring fashions? No, neither have I.

Waterproofs are more my mark at the moment, but there were sharp intakes of breath in Weymouth town centre when a confident young woman briefly stepped out in a stylish dress which the gusty elements gave her a few problems with.

She was only in sight for about 15 seconds before diving into a shop, but her departure sparked keen interest among the women who had spotted her outfit.

Wonder where she bought that, I heard one woman ask her husband, as if he should somehow have such vital facts at his fingertips.

A couple of others both liked what they saw and said she was brave to risk hypothermia by wearing it in the cold and blustery conditions, but it was the men's reactions I treasured, a sort of mass joyous disbelief followed by a furtive look sideways to make sure their obvious appreciation hadn't dropped them right in it.

Naturally, of course, there was no danger of my own observations getting me into any hot water….well at least not until my wife reads this.

I'm sure she'll accept my explanation that it was purely for literary purposes and a wish to keep her up to date with the latest trends.

On second thoughts, perhaps she won't believe me.

Please can we have spring?

EVERY one of us is an expert on rain coming down but just recently one scene in Weymouth town centre made people an expert on rain going up.

So strong was the wind – clocked locally at nearly 80mph – that it was whipping the surface off large puddles in Bond Street and slashing water in to shoppers' faces.

Torrential rain added to the misery by coming down so heavily in great drops that the force of them hitting the pavement bounced water into the air.

That briefly presented people with a sort of haze around knee height which was then snatched away by monstrous gusts of wind strong enough to knock pedestrians over.

To add insult to injury, the whole lot packed it in about half an hour later and sunshine broke out leaving me literally steaming in the car on the way home.

We had to open windows to quickly disperse condensation and more joy awaited me when I got home where the by now fierce conditions had started to rip the roof off our small side extension.

Only a wooden hammer and some hasty work on a large section of lead flashing which was starting to flap about saved the day…..during which it poured with rain.

My neighbor solicitously asked how I was doing, so I told her. She left it at that, wished me well and retreated back indoors.

I hate being wet and worse was to follow when I had to get up in the middle of the night and repeat my wooden hammer repairs two days later when a colossal storm badly smashed up our garden and again threatened to tear the side extension roof off!

Please can we have Spring?!

Celebrating Commonwealth Day

WEYMOUTH and Portland will be celebrating Commonwealth Day soon, an event which can trace its roots back more than a century.

Empire Day as it used to be called was first introduced in Canada in 1898 and in the UK in 1904, a celebration usually marked by fireworks or by people attending community bonfires.

It was not until 1958 that Empire Day was renamed Commonwealth Day and it was another 18 years before Canada's proposal was adopted by all Commonwealth nations to generally unify celebrations on the second Monday in March.

Weymouth and Portland will be marking the occasion by raising a flag outside the council offices on North Quay.

This year's theme is Team Commonwealth while previous themes have ranged from Music to Women as Agents of Change.

No wonder shops are empty

WEYMOUTH shops have not had the easiest of Christmases while January has been something of a disaster, so it is interesting to hear the council's role in one tale of woe.

Trying to make a bit of money to support their other business, a local couple rented out an empty town centre shop for seven weeks in the run up to Christmas to sell seasonal gifts.

They didn't make a lot of money but at least enough to cover their rent and make a small profit to reward their long hours in pretty difficult trading circumstances.

But no sooner had New Year come and gone than the couple had a nice letter from Weymouth and Portland council dropping through their letterbox asking them to pay business rates for the seven weeks they had had temporary use of the shop.

Now I value my readers' safety, so I want you all to sit down before you read the next bit as I don't want you falling over and hurting yourself because you've fainted.

When the couple opened the letter they found that the business rates bill the council wanted them to pay for just seven weeks was £1,800.

It devastated their profits and they are still trying to work out if they've actually made a loss.

And the council's response to this delay in payment? Well, they've threatened to take the couple to court for non-payment. No wonder Weymouth as a shopping attraction is on its knees!

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To make a donation, please make a cheque payable to 'Water Survival Box - View account' and send it to: James Coles, Water Survival Box campaign, View From Newspapers, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, LYME REGIS, Dorset DT7 3DB.

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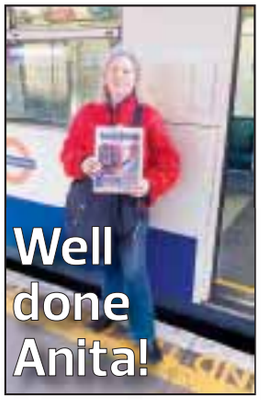


■ VIEW From accounts manager, Anita Routley, has raised a staggering £1,715 for our Water Survival Box campaign by visiting all 270 London Underground stations in just one weekend! Anita completed her Tubetastic challenge in 25 and a half hours.

She said: "I would like to thank everyone who has donated money to my underground challenge. My friends and family have been very supportive and encouraging in their efforts, and I'm very grateful to our advertisers who participated in the special feature at the end of January.

"I'm also very touched by the number of readers who have donated money to help me reach my target. The letters and phone calls that I have received have been wonderful, particularly if they had a special reason for choosing a station."

Anita wasn't sure if she'd make her target of £1,350, thinking that £1,000 would be a "reasonable amount" to raise. But she actually raised £365 more than the amount she had set herself.

"I can only say my final total of £1,715 has left me feeling overwhelmed by it all," Anita added.

She continued: "Knowing that I had raised such a large amount of money made me even more determined to succeed in the challenge of travelling through all 270 stations.

"The dreadful weather conditions on Friday, February 14th meant catching an earlier train to London than originally planned but did mean that I could be sure I was in London by Friday afternoon."

Weather damage and a trespasser on the line meant that Anita's Saturday schedule had to be changed and had the knock-on effect of long waits in places such as Chesham and Amersham, and having to backtrack to stations missed out earlier on.

She started out at 8am that morning and carried on until just after 10.30pm.

Sunday's route ran more smoothly apart from one mishap.

Anita explained: "We just missed a bus at Harrow & Wealdstone and had to wait 25 minutes for the next one. Having started at 8am we managed to finish at Elephant & Castle just after 5pm, feeling very satisfied at ticking off all the stations on the list."

Summing up, she said: "This has been an amazing experience for me and I feel very proud of the fact that a mad idea before Christmas has achieved so much.

"My target of nine Water Survival Boxes has been surpassed and I have now raised enough for 11 boxes. Thank you everyone for supporting me."

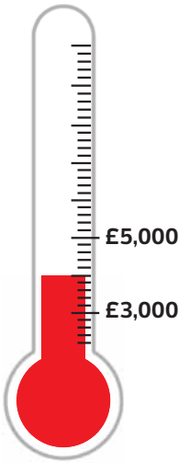
■ OUR thanks to Teresa Hancock and Seaton Beavers for organising a coffee morning with stalls at Seaton Scout Hut earlier this month, The event saw bric-a-brac, cakes, a tombola, raffle and refreshments on offer.

Church hall stall raises £50

■ MARY and Chris Bunney organised a stall at a jumble sale and coffee morning at Bridport's United Church Hall on February 8th, raising £50 for our Water Box campaign.

Our thanks to both of them for their hard work.

TARGET £10,000



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■ AS YOUR readers may be aware, Dorset Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have been examining all areas of the force to identify and deliver savings in the face of ongoing cuts to the policing budget.

As part of this, the provision of counter services has been reviewed and a consultation process undertaken with the public and public sector partners in relation to how this service may look in the future.

We had a very positive and understanding response to this which helped us achieve the balance between meeting public expectation and the funding shortfalls, while protecting frontline policing.

Following this consultation process we began a period of public negotiation to shape the future of Counter Services across the County.

Please note that this process closes on March 3rd and we would like to remind your readers that there is still time to provide feedback.

It is important to us that we listen to all of our communities during this engagement process and we would urge anyone with suggestions or concerns to make contact via the Dorset Police website www.dorset. police.uk or by writing to: One Team Project, Police Headquarters, Winfrith Newburgh, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8DZ.

DEBBIE SIMPSON,
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Marie Curie needs your support

■ I AM appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with a terminal illness in Bridport get the care they need.

We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time on Saturday March 8, 2014 at our Bridport Morrison's collection and on Saturday March 15 in the town centre to hand out the charity's iconic daffodil pin in return for donations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to more than 750 local people in Dorset with a terminal illness in their own home every year but to continue providing this vital care we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a success.

If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours then please contact Marie Curie on 0845 601 3107 or visit www.marie curie.org.uk/daffodil

Thank you for your support,

AMY LLEWELLYN,
Community Fundraiser

Diabetes UK looking for volunteers

■ A FLOURISHING Diabetes UK Local Group is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to support its work.

The Diabetes UK West Dorset Local Group, which meets in Dorchester, provides support to residents affected by diabetes, their families and friends.

The group is hoping to find new committee members and volunteers who can help provide refreshments at its evening meetings, which are held six times a year.

These meetings include social events and education from healthcare professionals on how to manage diabetes.

The group also organises fundraising activities at venues around West Dorset, including the Big Collection with national charity partner Tesco.

Diabetes UK Local Groups are run across the UK to provide support for local residents affected by diabetes.

In Dorset, more than 37,000 people have been diagnosed with the condition, and a further almost 12,000 are estimated to have undiagnosed Type 2 diabetes.

New members are always welcome at the group which is free to attend.

Contact the Diabetes UK South West office on 01823 448260 or south.west@diabetes.org.uk for more details.

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Sand World

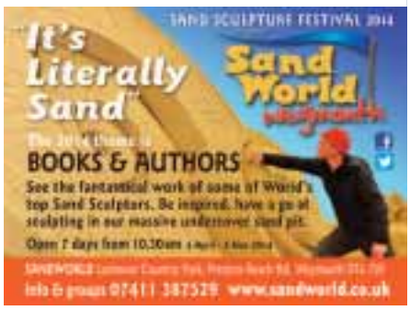
WEYMOUTH'S Jurassic coast will literally be brought to life as the award winning sculptors at Sandworld create sand characters and scenes from iconic books, to include Moby Dick, Lord of the Rings, Jungle Book and Sherlock Holmes, both at their Lodmoor Country Park venue and on the seafront.

One particular author, Michael Morpurgo, will be able to witness the incredible creation of Joey, the War Horse featured in his best selling book, musical and film. Sandworld are dedicating this particular build to commemorate the milestone anniversaries of the First and Second World War, which marks 100 and 75 years respectively.

Sandworld's co-founder, Mark Anderson, enthusiastically says "Twelve master sculptors from around the world will be arriving in Weymouth in March to commence this incredible build and I will undertake one of my most challenging structures, as I will be creating a scene from The Bible (The Last Supper) on Weymouth seafront".

Mark Anderson's grandfather first started creating sand structures after the first world War and Mark officially took up the craft just after his 21st birthday. Every year, many thousands of visitors, tourists and enthusiasts continue to enjoy the tremendous sand concepts and this year's theme will be no exception.

The press launch takes place on Friday 4th April at Sandworld's Lodmoor Park and the exhibition will be officially open to the public on Saturday 5th April.



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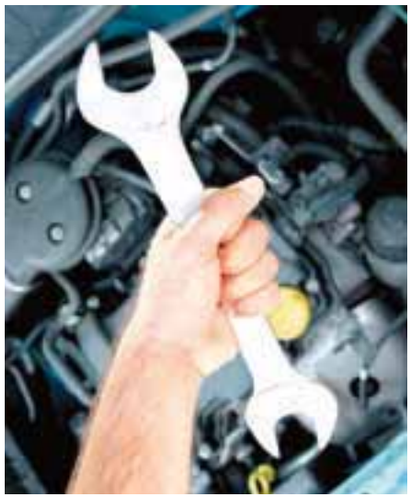

Bridport PC Repair

AS an addendum to what is already on the site, I've been fixing PCs around the Bridport area for the last 10 years, having qualified at college. I will happily deal with pretty much any repair that someone may have, whether it be hardware or software based (anything from tuition to laptop screen repair etc) and will visit the customer at their home location to either collect the computer or perform the repair on site, depending on what the customer prefers.

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Dancers get into spirit of Cuban Fury

MEMBERS of Salsa Cascara at the Cineworld Cinema in Weymouth

A SALSA flashmob dance took place at Cineworld, Weymouth, to promote the salsa film Cuban Fury.

Members of Salsa Cascara mingled in a crowded foyer and then started to dance when the music playing in the foyer switched to a salsa track.

Onlookers were treated to a formation salsa display by 20 dancers from Salsa Cascara which holds weekly salsa classes in Sturminster Newton and Dorchester.

The Salsa dancers also took over Dorchester's Brewery Square.

The evening started with food and drinks in Vivo Lounge followed by dancing in the Odeon foyer. Passers-by were treated to Latin music and dancing by Mal, Bev and all the group to encourage people to take up Salsa after seeing the Cuban Fury film.

Their new beginners course has just started and anyone interested in learning to salsa can contact Mal or Bev on 07870 520340.

SALSA dancing at the Odeon, Brewery Square by local dance company Salsa Cascara

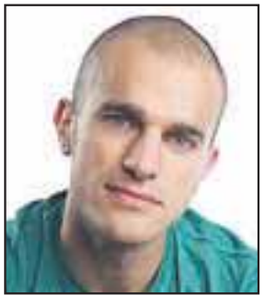
New face for Dorset radio

THE face which re-launched BBC Breakfast in Dorset, Alina Jenkins, is being replaced by a new morning producer.

Steve Harris starts the Dorchester-based breakfast programme on March 3rd, broadcasting on 103.8FM, after moving from the afternoon drivetime programme on BBC Radio Solent, based in Southampton.

"I'm thrilled to be the new Breakfast in Dorset presenter. Breakfast in Dorset is such an exciting prospect – a breakfast show targeted directly at West Dorset residents.

"I think it's really important that we get loads of local stories on-air. I'm really looking forward to travelling around towns and villages and businesses and schools in the patch, meeting listeners and bringing their stories to a wider audience," he said.



NEW BBC Breakfast in Dorset presenter Steve Harris

The dedicated breakfast show for Dorset was re-launched in July 2013 covering Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Wareham, Blandford Forum, Wool and many of the villages in between. The BBC closed the original service seven years ago until it was persuaded by a local campaign to re-start the service.

Sarah Miller, Managing Editor, BBC Radio Solent said: "I'm delighted that Steve will be joining Breakfast in Dorset, he's an extremely warm, friendly, talented presenter with bags of personality who is passionate about the area."

The BBC Solent website has this description of him: "Steve is from South Wales - he is also half-Italian - but somehow a four year spell working on Teesside has left him a fan of Middlesbrough Football Club.

"He first got into radio when he found himself at university studying for a masters degree in maths…he loves music, a keen gig and festival-goer, and a bit of a runner."

Bake a difference to those with disabilities in Dorset

DO you love baking and eating cake? Then why not sign up to the third annual Great Dorset Bake Sale, organised by Dorset's disability charity Diverse Abilities Plus.

Join the Dorset charity in this week-long event aiming to make a difference to adults and children with physical and learning disabilities in the county.

Diverse Abilities is aiming to recruit as many individuals, companies, clubs and schools to take part, have fun and raise as much money as possible to ensure the 250,000 hours of support across its range of vital services continue to run.

Beccy Payne, Corporate and Community Fundraiser at Diverse Abilities, said: "During the past two years, The Great Dorset Bake Sale initiative has raised more than £8,000 and we are hoping that the 2014 event with beat this.

"We are aiming to get more than 100 bake sales taking place in Dorset and hope the local community get on board for a very worthy cause."

Everyone that signs-up with receive a fundraising pack with bake sale tips, cake recipes to choose from and how to make your Great Dorset Bake Sale event a success, plus much more.

■ DES and Caroline from Supply Shack with Fiona and Beccy from Diverse Abilities Plus

All event sign-ups will also be in with a chance to win two tickets to the Great British Bake Off's star Paul Hollywood's "Get Your Bake on Tour" in Bournemouth, thanks to sponsors Supply Shack.

The event will see Paul demonstrate recipes, reveal secrets of being a TV chef and take the audience on a journey through his life in baking.

To sign up to the charity's Great Dorset Bake Sale, taking place from Monday, May 5th to Sunday, May 11th, call Beccy Payne on 01202 718266 or email beccy.payne@diverseabilititesplus.org.uk.

Shoebox charity says 'thank you'

SAMARITAN'S Purse is pleased to report that, of almost 10 million gift-filled shoeboxes shipped to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child, more than 900,000 were donated by individuals, groups, churches, schools and workplaces from the UK.

Samaritan's Purse wants to express its gratitude to the many people, children and adults alike, who donated shoeboxes, and affirm the contribution made by volunteers, and supporting organisations, across Dorset who made this achievement possible.

"We're so thankful for the amazing generosity of people in Dorset. We can only imagine the joy a child feels when they receive a shoebox, packed with gifts, from someone they don't know, but someone who cared enough for them and showed them that they are not forgotten at Christmas," said Peter and Eileen Ivermee, Area Co-ordinators for Dorset.

This year, for the first time, gift-filled shoeboxes were sent from donors in the UK to children in Rwanda.

In April 2014, Rwanda will mark the 20th anniversary of the genocide that saw almost one million people killed in 100 days.

Samaritan's Purse UK Executive Director Simon Barrington said: "This complements the ongoing programmes that we have in Rwanda to lift vulnerable children and families out of poverty."

He concluded: "Over the past 23 years, Operation Christmas Child has sent more than 113 million boxes to children in more than 130 countries.

"The demand is huge and is increasing, year to year. I want to encourage more people in Dorset to get involved with this amazing programme, so that we can reach even more children with shoeboxes packed with gifts."

To find out more go to: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Rotary support for flood victims

LOCAL Rotary clubs have raised more than £13,000 in a few days after setting up an emergency fund for flood victims.

The clubs of Portland, Weymouth, Weymouth Harbourside, Melcombe Regis, Dorchester, Dorchester Casterbridge, Lyme Regis, Bridport and Brit Valley are working together on the project and are offering help to local flood victims.

Further donations are also being asked for – via a Rotary Just Giving account for people to text their donations, which also allows gift aid tax relief.

Dorchester Rotarian Peter Noble said that all people need to do is text 70070 and then in the message box type SLFR12 and then the amount to donate. The sender will receive an acknowledgement and an invitation to gift aid it.

"Rotary is poised to help as the floods go down, with whatever we can do, and which insurance cannot necessarily cover," said Mr Noble.

"Rotary has had fantastic support from a number of business with goods, a warehouse, vehicles and diggers all free of cost."

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Dorset Community Action

And the forecast is – local solutions

COMMUNITIES Living Sustainably in Dorset is delighted to be hosting Michael Fish, the UK's favourite weather forecaster, and poet Matt Harvey to its Climate Week events. One off shows, celebrities and celebrations are important, but climate change is ongoing and we want you to join us and many others in Dorset in being part of the solution. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Get ready

Find out how climate change will affect you, is your home or work place at risk of flooding, do you know how to prepare for a heatwave? Farming and fishing sectors are particularly vulnerable and we are working with them to find relevant solutions.

Young people and Eco-schools

We are working with local children through our Eco-schools programme, children work on environmental topics throughout the school year. With our support Winterbourne Valley First School recently attained the prestigious Green Flag award.

Food!

Do you worry about what you are eating and where it comes from? Dorset is known for its great food. We are working with local food producers and consumers to help join them up. Eating local food from producers you trust is good for the environment, your health and the local economy. We all have to eat, and food affects our health and happiness, it can be a major problem, we are working to make sure it's part of the solution.

Going renewable

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"Transitioning" to a greener cheaper more sociable lifestyle

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19.30: Screening of 'The 11th Hour' (DA) - Exploring the big picture of the state of our natural environment and the opportunity we have to help save it.

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Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset

Floody hell! Now Michael Fish warns Dorset weather to get worse & can't be stopped

BRITAIN'S favourite forecaster, weatherman Michael Fish, will give a dire warning to Dorset next month – years of even worse weather are on the way and it's too late to stop it.

Mr Fish, who became a national icon through his forecasts on the BBC, is to spearhead a grim reality check on future weather for Dorset's Climate Week [March 1st-6th].

Pulling no punches, Mr Fish is to deliver a lecture at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Monday March 3rd entitled 'Climate Change – The Ultimate Weapon Of Mass Destruction'.

The weather expert who spent 42 years with the Meteorological Office says the storm-battered nation faces a future of more floody hell.

'There could be much more severe weather and floods in the UK. It is too late to do more than slow it,' Mr Fish warned bluntly this week.

He added: 'The weird weather has already been responsible for possibly millions of deaths and many more will occur, through floods, droughts, disease and famine."

Although authorities are only recently waking up to the problems of climate change, Mr Fish said the weather has been known to be worsening for more than 40 years.

'The basics were identified in the 1880s, the severity in the 1970s,' he said.

And he gave no hope of things getting better for the storm-bashed West Country, forecasting a bleak future of sodden winters and scorched summers.

'The South West can expect more floods and droughts,' said Mr Fish, 'The only advantage will be a longer growing season.'

Supporting Mr Fish's forecast that the effects of climate change may be slowed, Dorset's Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset group, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, has organised a week of events aimed at inspiring a new wave of local initiatives against the weather threat.

On Saturday March 1st the programme will kick off at Litton and Thorner's Community Hall, Litton Cheney, with a planning conference on strengthening local food links in West Dorset. Speakers including Tom Andrews of the new national Sustainable Food Cities Programme and Traci Lewis from Foods Plymouth will share their experiences and advice for putting food at the heart of the local policy agenda.

On March 3rd in Dorchester, Mr Fish will be joined by writer and poet Matt Harvey, who will present his view on sustainable energy.

On March 5th Bridport pupils will meet with the CLS to discuss ideas for preparing for extreme weather and tackling climate change. On the same day in schools in and around Dorchester the CLS will celebrate their work on litter meet with pupils and launch a two-year initiative to lessen environmental impact and encourage environmental leadership in students.

On Thursday March 6th the Bridport Arts Centre will host a Focus On Energy film day, which will include movies on the evidence of climate change, energy efficiency in the home and a documentary with contributions from more than 50 politicians, scientists and environmental campaigners on the state of the planet and how to save it.

Free tickets for Michael Fish's lecture and other events can be booked at www.clsdorset.org.uk

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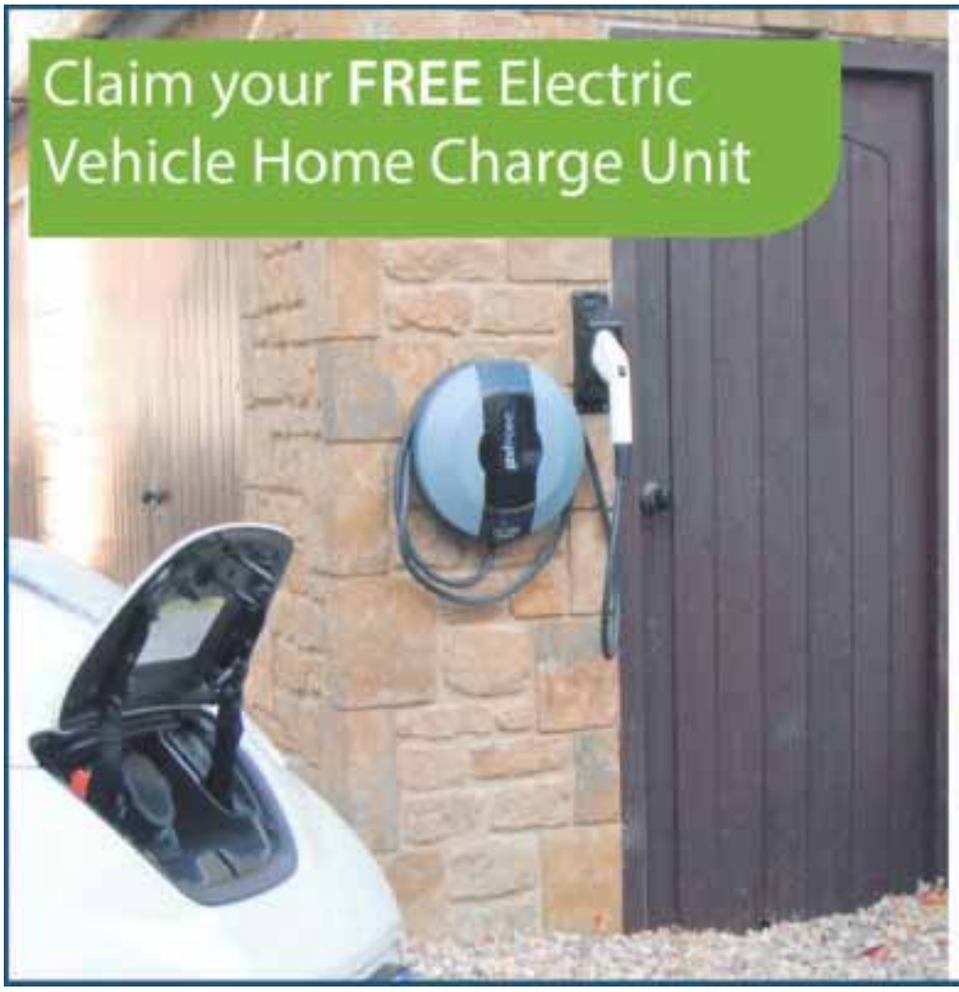

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Cape Farewell's Rural Artist Residencies

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The Rural Artist Residencies are focused upon strengthening the bond between Britain's increasingly urbanised population, and the rural communities that hold active and lasting investments in bio-interdependence. The residencies provide the artists Chris Drury, Kay Syrad, and Guy Martin with an opportunity to investigate traditional and modern methods of sustainability, along with the farm's influence over and reliance upon local communities.

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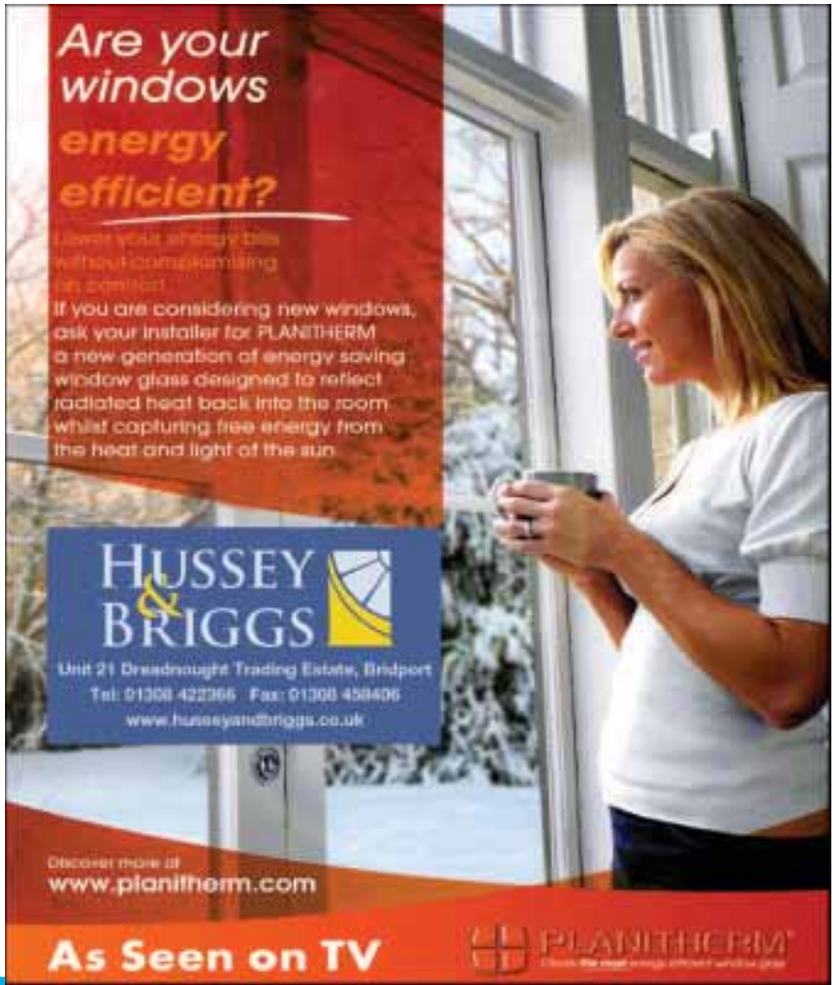

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The Crazy World of Arthur Brown comes to The Palace

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2013 has seen Arthur sell out shows all around the UK and Europe. Including amazing operatic and theatrical rock performances with the original fire helmet and his classic hits, his extravaganza is remaining current with material from new album '*Zim Zam Zim*' – including the track 'The Unknown', a take on modern life. 2013 saw a hugely successful pledge campaign to fund the album, potentially Arthur's last. Hordes of fans are rediscovering their love for this artist who, at 71, keeps proving he is still constantly one of the greatest showmen in the world.

For more details visit www.arthur-brown.com/

Support Act **Sienná** incorporate electronica and traditional Japanese sounds flowing along with Norwegian grooves. They have also collaborated with the living psychedelic legend from Norway Nils, Petter Molvaer and the late British legend Mick Karn, just to name a few.

Tickets are on sale now for The Crazy World of Arthur Brown's performance at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, May 9th. Doors open 6.30pm, with music from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16+booking fee in advance (01308 424901 or seetickets.com) or £18 on the door.

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The centrepiece will be a performance of the *Te Deum* by the contemporary composer and arranger Will Todd – concert-goers may recall the Choir's performance of his *Mass in Blue* a few years ago. The *Te Deum* is a thrilling piece in which the Choir is accompanied by a lively jazz combo and supported by members of the Thomas Hardye Singers. The concert will also include folk-song arrangements by the well-known ex-King's Singer Bob Chilcott; swinging arrangements of familiar works by Bach; and solos by former Choir-member Wendy Street, now pursuing a career as a jazz singer.

Conductor David Gostick says: "St Mary's Church is one of the Choir's favourite venues. Its wonderful acoustics will be ideal for our programme – the effect should be thrilling."

The concert takes place on Saturday 15th March at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12, or £2 for under 18s. They are available from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre (01305 267992), from the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir's box office (01722 710511), from its website (www.bschoir.org.uk) or at the door.

The Choir currently has vacancies for sopranos and altos. If you are interested, please contact the Choir at the concert or by phone or e-mail.

For more information, please contact Charles Cordy by calling 01300 341618 or emailing charles.cordy@ndirect.co.uk, or David Gostick by calling 01258 456596 or email david_gostick@yahoo.com.

We Will Be Free! – the story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs comes to Dorchester

WE Will Be Free, the acclaimed play about the courageous struggle of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, will be performed at Dorchester's Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 1st at 8pm. It tells the story of Methodist preacher George Loveless, his wife Betsy and the farm labourers who became known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

The play has received high praise throughout its tour of Dorset and now it comes to the county town where the fate of the Tolpuddle labourers was ultimately decided.

They were convicted and transported for swearing a secret oath and forming a trade union in 1834 to fight against wage cuts inflicted by the local landowner. The story of their determination, solidarity and courage is performed by Neil Gore and Elizabeth Eves with music arranged by folk singer and squeezebox player John Kirkpatrick.

Townsend Production's powerful drama combines live music, new and original songs with political cartoon, animation and puppetry. The story resonates with modern relevance, raising questions about present day political issues through the experiences of the past.

A SCENE from *We Will be Free*
Photo by Kraig Winterbottom

Proceeds from ticket sales for this performance will go towards a project led by West Dorset District Council to redevelop Dorchester's Shire Hall, the scene of the Martyrs' infamous trial.

Leader of West Dorset District Council, Robert Gould said: "We Will Be Free! brings the story of what actually happened at Shire Hall to life and I would urge anyone with an interest in the history of the Tolpuddle Martyrs and supporters of the Shire Hall project to come along to see the show."

"Proceeds from the ticket sales will help fund a programme of events at Shire Hall this summer."

The performance on Saturday, March 1st at Dorchester's Corn Exchange starts at 8pm and, just a few doors up the road, Shire Hall's old Crown Court and cells will also be open to visitors from 6.30pm.

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'Startlingly beautiful' Hopelessly Devoted in Lyme Regis and Bridport

THE excitement when an impeccable cast and creative team fuse for a production is almost indescribable without viewing. On Saturday, March 1st at 8pm, the Marine Theatre sees just that!

Following the huge success of her visit last year with *Wasted*, (subsequently sparking a flurry of media excitement and communications between inspired young audiences and the writer), the much renowned and highly respected Kate Tempest returns to our doors this March with her "Startlingly beautiful" (The Times) composition of hope and loneliness with *Hopelessly Devoted*.

To add to the mix, along with successful collaborators Paines Plough Productions and Birmingham Repertory Theatre, the new cast list has officially been announced and sees the arrival of singer/actress Michelle Gayle as one of the strong female trio.

Set behind prison walls, this incendiary tale is of Chess, a current inmate. Facing a lengthy sentence, her cellmate becomes her soulmate. But when Serena is given parole, Chess faces total isolation and must face her past before considering her future.

This truly powerful and moving new play is an absolute must-see, combining lyrical fireworks with exhilarating live music.

Tickets are £11, £9 concessions, and are available at the Lyme Regis TIC on 01297 442138 or by visiting www.marinetheatre.com

◆ ***Hopelessly Devoted* will also come to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, March 15th, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £11 for adults, and £9 for members and concessions, and are available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204**

Three Centuries of Music!

YOU can enjoy a tremendous range of musical styles at the Bridport Chamber Orchestra's concert on March 2nd, ranging from Telemann's light-hearted 18th century Don Quixote Suite to Dave Heath's 20th century The Celtic, with a distinctly Scottish character. The performance also includes classical and romantic works by Mozart, Beethoven and Nielsen, so the programme is full of variety and interest.

Alexandra Ennis is the solo violinist for The Celtic; her experience in playing in a ceilidh band is put to full use in this modern folk piece. Alex also leads several local orchestras including the Axe Vale and Somerset County. The concert is at 3 pm in St Swithun's Church, Bridport, followed by teas. Tickets at £8 are available on the door, students free entry.

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra welcomes new players, of Grade VI and above, especially upper strings. If you are interested, please contact Caroline on 01935 824786, or Rosalind on 01279 444476.

Soloist Alex Ennis

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: David Price,
Leader: Alexandra Ennis

Spring Concert

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCH, BRIDPORT
SUNDAY 2nd March at 3pm

Soloist: Alexandra Ennis - Violin

Telemann – Don Quixote Suite
Beethoven - Cavatina
Dave Heath – The Celtic
Nielson – Little Suite for Strings
Mozart – Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Tickets £8 from the Bridport Music Centre and Book Shop and on the door.
Student admission free.
Refreshments available after the concert.
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View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

UPLYME: Talk: 'The Winter Garden' by John Horsey at Uplyme Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Members free, non-members £3. For more details call 01297 444034 or visit www.ulrhs.wordpress.com

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

BEAMINSTER: Fr. Leonard Hollands will be speaking about Celtic Orthodox Spirituality at the next meeting of the One World Forum at 7.30pm in St John's RC Church, Shortmoor, DT8 3EL. Fr Leonard is a local artist with a special interest in ornithology and has had a career which included architecture as well as surveying. Entry £4 includes refreshments.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club, John and Di Tilsley 'Life after Slides'. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or go to the website www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

DORCHESTER: Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust - Dorchester Area Group – Peter Foster presents a slide show in the Dorset Room, Colliton Club, opposite County Hall, 7.30pm. Admission £2 Further info Tel: 01305 262121

BEAMINSTER: West Dorset Energy Debate Public Meeting. Talk by Dan Conaghan - presentation / Q&A by EDF Energy. At Public Hall, at 7pm. Organised by West Dorset Conservative Association and Conservative Policy Forum. For more details call 01300 321188

SATURDAY MARCH 1ST

UPLYME: Line Dance Evening (mainly beginners dances) at the village hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £8 to include ploughmans supper. For more details call Anita on 01297 445257.

WEYMOUTH: Charity gig for adults with learning disabilities at the Centenary Club. Live music from No Country 4 Old Men. Tickets £10 to include buffet. Prize raffle. For more details and to purchase tickets call 07542 545 281.

PORTESHAM: Evening of 20s/30s jazz with Tom 'Spats' Langham and Mike Denham. At the village hall from 7.30pm. bar and refreshments available. Tickets £9.50. For more details call 01305 871489.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring Kimmeridge Keilidh stars 'Arish Mel' with Teresa Ridout calling at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street. Soft drinks provided; bring a bottle, bring finger food snacks to share. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door or £7.50 in advance from Bridport Music Shop, South Street and Jaxsons Delicatessen, West Street, or call organiser.

SUNDAY MARCH 2ND

WEYMOUTH: Arts & Crafts event at The Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Coveway. Free entry for visitors, free nearby parking, toilets and baby changing facilities. Children welcome. Food and drink available. Doors open 10am. For more details call 07701 018180.

LYME REGIS: *More Tales From Under Shady Tree*. Ken Gollop continues his story of growing up in Lyme in the 1940s and 50s. Woodmead Halls 2.30pm. Admission £3 in aid of Lyme Regis Museum. Raffle and Teas. Don't be late!

POUNDBURY: Cottage Garden Society meeting. special guest speaker, Neil Lucas, a Chelsea Gold Medal winner and UK expert on Ornamental Grasses. At Poundbury Village Hall. Talk entitled 'More Wow and Less Work'. Guests are always welcome and the meeting starts at 2.00pm. Plants available to buy and refreshments. For further information telephone 01258 452054 or 01935 816174.

MONDAY MARCH 3RD

DORCHESTER: U3A Monthly Meeting including an audio-visual inside display by the RAF Presentation Team. Hobbies Table to display small enamelled boxes. Refreshments available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road, 10am-12noon. For more details visit www.dorchesterU3A.org.uk or call 01305 250347

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

TUESDAY MARCH 4TH

DORCHESTER: A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington by the Thursday Group from 3 pm to 4.30 pm. Everyone welcome – come and enjoy a pancake and support a local Charity.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls. Renowned artist Jake Winkle will demonstrate his approach to painting wildlife in watercolour. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

DORCHESTER: Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester, aka the Dorchester French Circle meeting. Talk by Kate, Ian and Beau Pointeng on "Gite anglais en France". From 7.30 pm at the United Church, in the Tolpuddle Room. Access is from the Charles Street car park. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information and to see our full programme please visit our website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

Antiques fair

Beaminster Antiques, Collectables and Vintage Fairs
Public Hall, Beaminster
Saturday 8th March
9.30am - 4.00pm
Small furniture, Textiles, China, Glass, Silver, Jewellery, Books, Pictures etc.
Upcoming fair: Saturday 12th April
Home made refreshments
Enquires: Meadow Fairs 01297 24446

West Dorset choir Cantamus to give two local concerts for Lent

THE members of Dorset choir Cantamus are already hard at work preparing for their Lent 2014 concert season.

The group will give two concerts in Dorset, the first at St Mary's, Bridport, on Saturday 15 March and the second at St Mary's, Thorncombe, on Saturday, April 12th.

Cantamus has been performing since the spring of 2012 and is going from strength to strength. Having gained a loyal following among audiences across the area, the choir is enjoying taking on more challenging pieces, always striving for sensitive interpretation and a sublime blend.

Musical Director Malcolm Knowles has put together a wonderful programme – 'Songs of Hope and Lamentation' – for the forthcoming concerts. Opening with unusual but accessible pieces by Gibbons, Lotti and Alonso Lobo, moving on to works by Rossini and Poulenc, and closing with Brahms's gorgeous 'How lovely are thy dwellings', it promises to delight lovers of quality choral music.

Each concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 on the door, and tickets for the Thorncombe performance will also be available from the village shop.

For more information about the choir, please visit the website at www.cantamus-dorset.org

Plant and gardening fair

FORDE ABBEY & GARDENS
Plant & Gardening Fair
Sunday 2nd March 10am - 4pm
FREE ADMISSION

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7.45-8.30pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING
TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm ZUMBA
WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS
6.00-6.45pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING
6.00-7.00pm BFIT RUNNING CLUB
7.00-8.00pm BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB
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View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH

DORCHESTER: Film: 'The Land Girls' showing at the Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits available for £1.50 served during the film, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY MARCH 6TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Peter Francis. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

WEYMOUTH: Broadwey Upwey & District Horticultural Society. The Secret Garden at Serles House", an illustrated talk by Ian Willis. St. Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, starting at 7:30 pm. Details on 01305 814887.

FRIDAY MARCH 7TH

MORETON: Music and Supper Evening at Moreton Village Hall (DT2 8RE). Doors open 7pm, music from 7.30pm. An evening of music with Big Al Whittle and Friends (to raise money for the new village hall). Tickets £8 to include hot supper - book early to ensure a seat by calling 01929 463221 or moretonvillagehall@talktalk.net

SATURDAY MARCH 8TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group Coffee Morning and Sale at The United Church Hall, South Street, 9.45am to 11.45am

BRIDPORT: Table Top Sale at St Mary's Hall, South Street. 9am-12noon (doors open 8am for setting up). Tables £8, bookings advised by calling 01308 425023. In aid of Beaminster Youth Football.

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at the village hall, 2pm. 40p entry. Raising funds for sponsored charity drive to Mongolia. For more details call 01297 678 351

SUNDAY MARCH 9TH

WEYMOUTH: Arts & Crafts event at The Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Coveway. Free entry for visitors, free nearby parking, toilets and baby changing facilties. Children welcome. Food and drink available. Doors open 10am. For more details call 07701 018180.

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Camera Club. WCPF Meeting and Knightshayes Competition. At Beaminster Sports Pavilion at 7.30pm.

BRIDPORT: Eastern European and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St.. 12.30-2.30pm, entry free. Musicians welcome, plus dancers of any ability – no experience needed; some dances may be walked through from midday. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442.

MONDAY MARCH 10TH

BRIDPORT: Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask). Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road. Lynda White will tutor a workshop on pen and wash. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Philomena' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (advance) or £5.50 on teh door. To book call 01308 862796 or email jeanowen@uwclub.net

WEYMOUTH: Dr Geoff Hawtin presents an illustrated talk on 'The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew' for Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society, Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, at 7.30pm. These gardens are probably the most famous in the country and Geoff will give his personal perspective as a Trustee on the history, development and research work carried out there. Members and visitors are welcome and further details are available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

Email your Diary Dates to
rob@pemedia.co.uk
Deadline Monday 2pm.
Please note: we cannot accept weekly or regular events without an accompanying series of dates.

Sisters are Doing it For Themselves!

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day is coming and Bridfem, Bridport's feminist group has so many activities planned they need to start a week early.

The Autonomy film group are showing the powerful and uplifting film "Whale Rider", (12A) on Saturday, March 1st in the W.I. Hall in North Street, Bridport. Chosen to open the Bridfem celebrations because this is a magnificently empowering movie that serves as an inspirational tool for females; the film tells how the tradition of male succession is challenged by Paikea, a strong, self-assertive, intelligent, and ambitious girl. The role of leader of a Maori village has always passed to the first-born grandson – direct descendant of the Whale Rider. But this time the heir is a girl. Although he loves her, her grandfather believes the role is reserved for males. He cannot accept her as future leader. The community is torn between traditional and modern life in a conflict that is resolved only through the wisdom of the whales.

The film is based on the Whangara people from the East Coast of New Zealand, who believed that their existence was purely reliant on a brave prophet, also named Paikea, who rode on the back of a whale to escape death when his canoe was overturned at sea. This contemporary story of love, rejection and triumph has beautiful and moving scenes showing the courage of the Maori in their relationship with the sea and the leviathans of the deep. Whale Rider premiered at the 2002 Toronto International Film Festival and won the World Cinema Audience Award. The film starts at 7.30 with soup on sale beforehand at 6.45, entry: £3 or less if you can't afford it.

A PREVIOUS *Frolic* disco

Immediately following the film that same evening, Saturday, March 1st, the popular monthly disco will be a *Frolic for Feminism*, starting at 9.30pm at the Beach and Barnicott – entrance free. Vicky and Merv Ashford, the generous management of the Beach and Barnicott, have offered the venue to Claire Shilton, aka DJ Crumpet Claire, so she is able to offer free entry, but a donation would be appreciated to purchase a bench to commemorate the wildcat strike of women demanding better pay and conditions, whilst working for Gundry's net and rope making factory in 1912.

KEISHA Castle-Hughes in Whale Rider

Local legend Ingrid Hull will be performing The Marrow Song (what a beauty!) Not to be missed! Also Frolickers have exclusive use of the upstairs room where there will be an additional bar but don't all stay there too long; come on down and dance to the brilliant beats of "Sisters are Doing it For Themselves" and other affirming songs of sisterhood. The following weekend, from Friday, March 7th, the day before International Women's Day, the activities will carry on.

BridFem is a group of women in Bridport who meet monthly in a friendly informal way at the Beach and Barnicott. All women are welcome at the monthly meetings, and at the next one on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7.30pm there will be a discussion about books, films, TV shows and music which have a feminist theme or perspective. There is a Facebook page www.facebook.com/Bridfem or email on bridfem@hotmail.co.uk if you want to know more.

Spoken Word with Steve Duncan and Stephen Morrison-Burke

DORCHESTER Arts Centre will host an evening of 21st century poetry that's meaningful, moving and accessible on Friday, March 7th.

Two rapidly rising stars on the spoken word scene whose passionate poetry comes straight from the heart are coming to the Arts Centre.

Bristol-based Steve Duncan is a master of quick verse, witty rhymes and brilliant observation. He has had commissions from the BBC, the NHS and the probation services and gave an extraordinary moving performance on his last visit to the Arts Centre.

Birmingham Poet Laureate and multiple poetry slam winner Morrison-Burke has been mesmerising audiences with his performances and bringing living poetry into schools, prisons and family centres.

This evening is part of Dorchester Arts Spring Season of Music and Drama supported by Battens Solicitors through its Charitable Trust. It starts at 8pm and tickets are £8 / £6 concessions from Dorchester Arts 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Centre 267992 or online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Steve Duncan
Photo Darius Robert Newton

First bi-annual Wedding Fayre at The George Albert Hotel

THE George Albert Hotel are holding their first bi-annual Wedding Fayre **this Sunday, March 2nd.**

Opening times are 10am until 4pm, with free entry and free parking. Refreshments will be available all day, including a traditional carvery which includes a range of roasted meats with all the trimmings and a choice of mouth-watering desserts to treat yourself afterwards (served from 12noon until 8pm).

The Hotel are delighted to be able to welcome over 40 local exhibitors who offer a wide variety of services to make the perfect wedding day. There will be displays of Bridal Wear, Menswear, Jewellery, Accessories, Health, Beauty & Weight Loss, Entertainment, Photography, Gifts, Flowers, Stationery, Venue Decorations, Vintage Cars, Sweet Carts, Cakes, Chocolate Fountains and much more. You are invited to "come along" and sample their wares, listen to the music and discuss your wedding or party requirements with one of the many professionals to hand. The exhibitors and staff alike would love the opportunity to make your special day the best ever. The hotel also welcomes you to view the facilities they have to offer including 2 restaurants, 3 function suites and 39 beautiful en-suite bedrooms. The Wedding Fayre shall play host to two fashion shows during the day along with live music and Irish Dancing (please contact the hotel directly for performance times). There is also the chance for one lucky bride and groom to win a "Weekend Break for 2 people at the George Albert Hotel" by entering in to their competition on the day.

For all enquiries, please contact the hotel directly on 01935 483430.

Vinyl Saturday returns to Bridport this Saturday

THE recent upsurge in vinyl records fostered by a large number of radio and tv shows on the listening pleasure of records, should come as no surprise to Bridport. The town is becoming established as "The Hay-On-Wye" type town for Record and CD Buyers with its quarterly Vinyl Saturday Record and CD Fair, and over 20 shops around town and a number of Saturday Market stalls also selling records and cds.

Vinyl Saturday Record and Cd Fair Bridport, returns on March 1st with free admission to readers of this paper, just cut out the advert and come along with it to the fair.

The idea of offering local music fans the opportunity to see a large range of records and cds was started in November 2008. Bridport was in the vanguard of the renaissance of renewed interest in vinyl records. It made Bridport the first town in the UK and probably Europe to recognise the revival and to offer music fans the opportunity to find and buy vinyl records and other music related items all in one town.

The event has run successful four times a year ever since, with the world's leading authority on all things vinyl Record Collector Magazine awarding it Record Fair of the Year across Europe.

The quarterly event which runs in March, May, August and November of each year is fully supported by the Town Council, Tourist Board, Shops and Bridport Market Traders, who all recognise the benefit of increasing visitors to Bridport.

Bob Gillis the Town Clerk said "Bridport's Historic Street Market continues to be very popular with local people and visitors to the area, with a wide variety of over 100 stalls on a Saturday. This includes a large number of music stalls, which take pride of place on Vinyl Saturday, which has become one of the key events in the town's annual calendar".

The Record and CD fair is on Saturday, March 1st is in Bridport United Church, East St and with over 20 stalls booked will along with market stalls and the many shops selling records and cds provide a great day out for music fans.

Variety is back, and it's Slightly Fat!

VARIETY by the Sea, the comedy cabaret for all ages, shapes and sizes, is back in the South West.

Slightly Fat Features the company behind the shows return with a show packed full of amazing special guests, old favourites and brand new stuff! They will play 4 nights in March including Sidmouth and Lyme Regis.

Since they were last in the region, last May, they have taken their riotous vaudeville shenanigans to the biggest arts festival in the World, the Edinburgh Festival. They performed to thousands over the month of August and gathered many 4 star reviews including from The Times who also picked them as the top comedy pick of 2013.

They are now back to showcase some totally new material alongside some amazing special guests including the amazing Bongo Bolero- the UK's top comedy acrobats, stunning stunts from circus artiste The Great Vasilli direct from Russia and eye popping madness from Bruce Airhead, who has to be seen, to be believed- although you might have seen him on one of his many TV appearances.

Producer and Host Goronwy Thom says "It is brilliant to bring the company back to the South West, the audiences are amazing, they have supported the show for so long and Sidmouth is where the show was first created so it feels right to regularly bring shows back here. The guest acts we have this mini tour are wonderful and well worth seeing, even if you don't think we are very good!"

This looks like it will be the only appearance in the region this year as they are taking the show to Montreal, Canada for the biggest comedy festival in the World, Just for Laughs.

So get your tickets quick, for a stunning night of amazing skills, hilarious acts, live music, top turns and of course laughter for all.

Slightly Fat Features bring Variety By The Sea to the following venues:

Manor Pavilion Theatre, Sidmouth, on Thursday, March 6th at 7.30pm. All tickets are £10 from the box office 01395 514413;

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, on Sunday, March 9th at 7pm. Tickets are £11.50, £9.50, and family tickets £36.00, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

Pip Utton is Chaplin

FROME based actor Pip Utton is a much loved performer on the Artsreach circuit, with his fascinating portrayals of well-known figures such as Hitler, Churchill and Dickens touring to great acclaim over recent years.

Focusing on a true genius of the cinema, Utton is back this spring to explore the life of Charlie Chaplin behind the façade of his character the 'Tramp' – the creation that made him the highest paid actor of his time and opened the doors of society and celebrity. Accused in later years of sexual perversion by the press, vilified for his treatment of ex-wives and branded a communist, Chaplin had his American vise revoked and he settled in Switzerland, where he lived out the rest of his life with his wife Oona and their children.

Chaplin had created an image of himself for public consumption that hid the darker sides of his personality. Using cleverly produced film footage, Utton steps in and out of Chaplin's world, between the reality and the creation.

'*Chaplin*' is a captivating exposure of the life of one the only men in history to produce, direct, edit, perform in and compose the score for his own films. An Edinburgh Fringe favourite, and highly acclaimed by theatre critics, Pip Utton is one to watch, and where better than in the intimacy of a village hall? Don't miss '*Chaplin*' at Burton Bradstock Village Hall this Saturday, March 1st, at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £9, under 18s £6, or £25 for family of four, available on the door.

The Fossil Lady of Lyme

IMAGINE the world is only 6000 years old and everything was created in six days. This was the England into which Mary Anning was born just two hundred years ago.

Then came the pioneering work of geologists, studying rocks and fossils. The accepted truths about the world were blown apart. Within a generation, it was proved that there had been a vast prehistoric age, when unimaginable monsters roamed the earth and swam in the seas.

Mary Anning played a key part in this extraordinary time when, at the age of twelve, she discovered the first complete fossil of a prehistoric reptile in Great Britain right here in Dorset, at Lyme Regis. Throughout her life, she continued to make groundbreaking and spectacular discoveries.

In Alison Neil's new one-woman play, Mary Anning tells her fascinating story and that of "the fine clever men of science" who took most of the credit for her work. The entertaining tale of this local woman, her life, her friendships, her struggle to make her mark, and put food on the table, is sure to provide an amusing and moving theatrical treat for audiences across Dorset this spring. And by the end of the show, you will surely know the difference between an ichthyosaur and a plesiosaur!

Alison Neil presents *The Fossil Lady of Lyme* at Thorncombe Village Hall this Saturday, March 1st at 7.30pm (call 01460 30994 for more details); and Winfrith Village Hall on Sunday, March 2nd at 7.30pm (01305 852117).

Cinema Listings

Friday, Feb 28th - Thursday, Mar 6th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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The Lego Movie U
Sat & Sun: 14.25

Monuments Men 12A
Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 17.00, 20.00
plus Wed: 14.00
Sun: 20.10

The Butler 12A
Thu: 10.30am

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.45, 15.10, 16.10, 17.30
Sat & Sun: 10.25, 11.15, 12.00, 12.45, 13.35, 14.20, 15.10, 16.00, 17.30

The Monuments Men 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.55, 17.35, 20.40
Sat & Sun: 17.35, 20.20

12 Years A Slave 15
Fri, Wed, Thu: 14.00, 18.00,
Sat: 18.00, Sun: 20.35,
Mon, Tue: 13.00, 20.35

Tinker Bell and the Pirate Fairy U
Fri, Tue-Thu: 12.10, 16.00,
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00
Mon: 16.00

A New York Winter's Tale 12A
Mon-Wed: 16.40

Mr Peabody and Sherman U
Fri, Wed, Thu: 16.55
Sat: 10.35, 12.15, 12.50, 14.35, 16.55
Sun: 10.35, 11.20, 12.50, 13.40, 16.00
Mon & Tue: 16.00

Robocop 12A
Fri, Wed, Thu: 13.20, 20.50
Sat: 20.50, Sun: 18.00, 20.50,
Mon, Tue: 13.20, 18.00, 20.50

The Book Thief 12A
Daily: 12.10, 15.05, 18.00, 20.15

The Invisible Woman 12A
Fri: 14.10, 16.45
Sat, Sun: 16.45, Tue, Wed: 14.10

Free Birds U
Sat: 10.15am, Sun: 10.00am

Walking with Dinosaurs U
Sat: 10.00am

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues U
Fri: 20.50, Sat, Mon, Tue, Thu: 20.40
Sun: 21.10, Wed: 21.00

Dallas Buyers Club 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.15

Frozen PG
Sat & Sun: 11.05am

Cuban Fury 15
Fri, Wed: 19.15, Mon, Tue: 18.15
Sat: 15.15, 19.15
Sun: 15.15, 18.15

The Wolf of Wall Street 18
Daily: 19.20

Endless Love 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.40

Despicable Me 2 U
Sat: 10.00, 11.15, Sun: 10.00am

Ride Along 12A
Daily: 13.45, 16.05, 18.25, 20.45

Non-Stop 12A
Daily: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 19.50, 21.00, Plus Fri, Sat, Wed: 21.40

This week's new cinema releases

RIDE ALONG 12A

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Stars Ice Cube, Kevin Hart and Tika Sumpter.

NON-STOP 12A5

AN air marshal springs into action during a transatlantic flight after receiving a series of text messages that put his fellow passengers at risk unless the airline transfers $150 million into an off-shore account.

Stars Liam Neeson, Julian Moore and Lupita Nyong'o.

Liam Neeson in *Non-Stop*

Brain Gym No.262

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

7	5	20	3	■	■	19	■	■	7	10	20	23
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
X	F	M	N	E	H	P	D	J	R	T	W	A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
U	I	S	G	Y	V	K	O	Z	C	Q	L	B

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

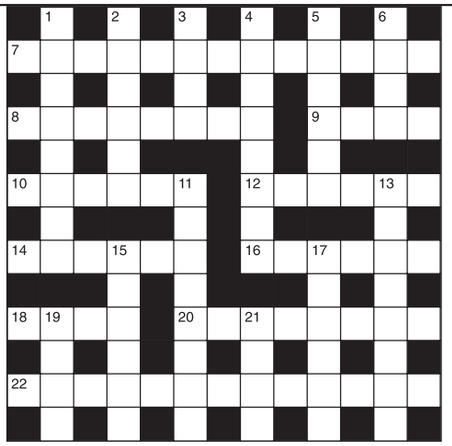
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Killing time officially (7,6)
8. Don't give up getting the unit back in shape (8)
9. Two-way agreement (4)
10. We arrange sale of an animal (6)
12. Stern test or transaction (6)
14. Inferior type of bangle (6)
16. Mother and son supply fruit (6)
18. It's sung in variations (4)
20. Produce green tea, perhaps (8)
22. Arrogant description of Everest? (4,3,6)

Down

1. The Poles are, but not the N. and S. ones (8)
2. Expresses conditions (6)
3. Soon unknown (4)
4. New radio set of astronomical importance (8)
5. I dread to be attacked (6)
6. A wooden trunk (4)
11. Man in a suit (8)
13. A top seat for a renegade (8)
15. Heartily dislike a hotel under reconstruction (6)
17. An illusion of heat (6)
19. It flies or takes a train (4)
21. Possibly mean to call (4)



Quick Clues:

Across

7. Absolutely necessary (13)
8. Give out (8)
9. Space (4)
10. Fondle (6)
12. Aptitude (6)
14. Alcove (6)
16. Distant (6)
18. Fashionable (4)
20. Demonstrative (8)
22. Impartial (13)

Down

1. Point out (8)
2. Uncomplicated (6)
3. Frank (4)
4. Forefather (8)
5. Cask (6)
6. Too (4)
11. Uneasy uncertainty (8)
13. Birth of Christ (8)
15. Get free (6)
17. Meditation (6)
19. Greet (4)
21. Just (4)

Sudoku

6				1				4
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	6	3	5	1	2	4	9	7
9	5	2	8	4	7	6	1	3
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3	2	6	1	8	4	7	5	9
4	7	8	9	3	5	1	6	2
5	1	9	7	2	6	3	4	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stud; 8 Infallible; 9 Attended; 10 Ends; 12 Yearly; 14 Eat out; 15 Miller; 17 Stroll; 18 Left; 19 Contract; 21 Man of parts; 22 Hang. Down: 2 Toe the line; 3 Dime; 4 Off day; 5 Pledge; 6 Director; 7 Pews; 11 Double chin; 13 Relation; 16 Recipe; 17 Sundry; 18 Lima; 20 Rush. QUICK - Across: 1 Lass; 8 Triumphant; 9 Complete; 10 Seep; 12 Artist; 14 Evince; 15 Static; 17 Treble; 18 Scar; 19 Maneater; 21 Felicitous; 22 Over. Down: 2 Autocratic; 3 Stop; 4 Divest; 5 Impede; 6 Chastise; 7 Step; 11 Excellence; 13 Intermix; 16 Commit; 17 Tendon; 18 Sift; 20 Also.

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The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.
The guide price for this property is £320,000. The EPC rating is C. Please contact Holloway Estate Agents 01308 422121 to arrange a viewing or further information or visit our office in South Street by the Electric Palace.

HOLLOWAY

Three bedroom semi-detached house

A rare opportunity to purchase a three bedroom semi-detached house on the North side of Whalley Lane in this popular village with outstanding, panoramic views to the rear over Uplyme and Yawl.
The property has been upgraded and well maintained by the present owners with an impressive bathroom fitted just six months ago. The property briefly comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, parking for several vehicles and garden with decking area, The property also benefits from uPVC double glazing, gas central heating and an additional WC to the first floor.
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Beautifully presented grade II listed property with many period features

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Axminster **£795 pcm**

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Modern three bedroom detached family home, with enclosed garden with summer house, single garage and off road parking, situated close to the town centre. EPC Band C. Available late March. A pet considered.

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- Lounge
- Garage Gardens
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- Garden
- Gas CH EPC C

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- Gardens EPC C

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- South Facing Garden
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- First Floor Bathroom
- Large Garden and Patio Area
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THE VIEW reported back in December that car dealer Motorwell, which is located by the roundabout on East Road, Bridport, will be selling new cars from the Italian car manufacturer Fiat in 2014.

Although this exciting new development is now just days away, David Thompson, dealer principal in Bridport, said: "Motorwell would like to re-affirm their commitment to Mitsubishi in Bridport, we are here to stay and will continue to offer service and guarantee for Mitsubishi customers.

"The new Fiat showroom offers more choice and will put Bridport on the map, being one of a few main dealers in a small town".

As a way to re-affirm Motorwell's commitment to Mitsubishi, the team recently ran a draw to win a Mitsubishi Mirage for a year.

Kevin Mason, Sales Executive at Motorwell, said that the Mirage is very economical, featuring a stop-start engine. The low fuel emissions also mean that it is below the level of emissions to require a tax disc.

Louise Goodman was the lucky winner and collected her prize last Friday after entering the draw when she visited Motorwell for a service on her current car.

As luck would have it, Louise, a health visitor from Maiden Newton, had just finished the lease on her current car, which she chose from Motorwell.

Louise said: "As a health visitor, I do lots of short trips around the town, so this car will be ideal for me. After the year is over I may even look to buy the car for my daughter as she will be learning to drive!"

▲ Kevin Mason hands the keys over to winner Louise Goodman

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"We weren't satisfied with being No. 1; we wanted to blow people away with a stunning new version of the Focus," said Stephen Odell, president of Ford of Europe, Middle East and Africa. "New Focus marries modern design, advanced technology and leading fuel efficiency with the fun-to-drive DNA for which Focus is rightly acclaimed."

Ford first launched the Focus in 1998 and since then more than 12 million have been sold worldwide, including 6.9 million in Europe. The current Focus was confirmed last month as the world's best-selling vehicle nameplate based on Ford's analysis of the Polk registration data for the first nine months of 2013. Ford estimates Focus sales globally reached 1.1 million in 2013, including more than 300,000 in China, making it the best-selling passenger car in the fastest-growing new car market in the world.

Sophisticated design

Ford has crafted a more sophisticated and advanced Focus with a redesign that reflects the One Ford global design language that carries through the new Mondeo and Fiesta.

Available in additional new exterior colours Deep Impact Blue and Glace Blue, the new Focus has a lower, wider stance, with a new bonnet, front fascia and grille. The bonnet is sculpted with a dynamic shape from the front pillar to the corners of the upper part of the inverted trapezoid grille to deliver a strong, proud look.

Slimmer, more chiselled front headlamps and more rectangular, elongated fog-lamps add to the bolder front end. Subtle chrome details add to the feeling of elegance while the rear of the car also is sleeker with a new fascia and tailgate arrangement, as well as thinner tail lamps.

"The vision was to add more emotion to the design of Focus," said Martin Smith, executive design director, Ford of Europe. "The new Focus is more toned, and more athletic, with more refined surface language; and clearly offers a promise of the drive experience to come."

When redesigning the interior of the new Focus, Ford listened to consumer feedback and responded with a more intuitive layout, complemented by a steering wheel and central stack with fewer controls and switches. The new black satin trim and chrome detailing contribute to a cleaner, more modern look, and more logical and intuitive functions.

The new centre storage console offers more space as well as a new sliding, integrated armrest. The new adjustable console accommodates a variety of bottles and cups with the capacity to simultaneously hold a 1-litre water bottle and a 0.4-litre cup. New Focus customers also will enjoy a quieter ride, achieved by thicker carpets, thicker side window glass, and improved engine bay insulation.

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The 1st XI will compete with Sherborne, Dorchester and Bere Regis to name but a few local teams in a strong Premier 2 league while the 2nd XI will continue to encourage youth cricket with Colin Crossthwaite at the helm in division 5, with a concerted effort to introduce younger players into the longer format of the game.

Newly appointed first team captain Ed Nichols said: "Danny Dancer has done a great job as skipper over the last few seasons and will be a difficult act to follow.

"However, I'm really looking forward to the challenge of leading a young squad of talented and committed cricketers in what looks to be a strong division.

"I encourage all players, both new and old, to attend indoor and outdoor training sessions where possible so we can hit the ground running.

"We are already hosting a pre-season fixture against Southampton University on Sunday, April 20th and hopefully more will follow."

Meanwhile, Rob O'Brien steps up to evening league T20 captain and will be looking to play attacking cricket in light of the latest rule changes for the Dorchester Evening League.

As ever, the club will also be providing friendly cricket both on Sundays and in mid-week games so there are plenty of opportunities for all to get involved.

Lee House co-ordinates the ever-popular youth section with age ranges from U9's softball right through to U18s.

The club runs training on Wednesday nights and will be offering some U9 fixtures this year as well as first class coaching from our club coaches (Level 1 and 2), and some sessions run in conjunction with West Dorset head coach Sean Fitzgerald.

The club has started its youth nets on Thursday evenings and adult nets begin last Sunday (February 23rd) at 3pm at Thomas Hardye School. New members and players are welcome to attend and the club looks forward to a successful season.

Any and all enquiries to Lee House or Matt Rimmer via e-mail therealmcc@Hotmail.co.uk.

Weather brings premature end to another great season

THE West Dorset Youth Indoor League was badly affected by the recent weather with the final games in the under 12s being cancelled two weeks on the trot. With the competition reaching its climax all teams were awarded a point.

The league in its second year at The Osprey Centre, Portland has proven to be highly competitive and produced cricket of the highest standard week after week.

Nigel Williams Manager at the Osprey Centre had nothing but praise for all the youngsters who have taken part: "Week in week out these young cricketers have produced outstanding cricket and sportsmanship and it has been a pleasure for the centre to once again host the competition.

"The supporters, parents, coaches and all involved with each and every club deserve a huge vote of thanks for the efforts and support in producing teams with such a talent for the game.

"I would like to add my personal thanks to the league organisers Aarron Riley and Grant Neven for all their hard work and commitment."

Nevin (West Dorset Under14/15 coach) added: "All the youngsters have shown great enthusiasm and commitment, their skills levels in all aspects of the game have been enhanced and their sportsmanship has been second to none.

"It has been a pleasure to witness so much good cricket and with the youngsters playing regularly throughout the year, it can only benefit the district and the players respective clubs; cricket in the West has a bright future.

"Finally the coaches and managers from each and every club deserve a huge thank you; well done all."

Dorset Football

Terras stay top despite defeat

WITH a full League programme for the first time since December 7th ,Weymouth Reserves stay in pole position in the **Premier League** despite losing their top of the table clash with second place Hamworthy Recreation; Tom Willis' goal a minute before the break the winner for the visitors.

Third place side Portland United won by the odd goal in three against their visitors Holt United with their strikes coming from Adam Linaker on 44 minutes and a penalty conversion by Lewis Clarke in the 70th minute, this after the Bulls had taken a 35th minute through Ben Sullivan. This was Holt's eleventh defeat but they stay in eighth place.

Bridport Reserves stay in the top six with a 3-1 victory at Wareham with a hat trick from Ben Clarke while Elliott Slade scored Rangers consolation.

◆ FOUR Portland United players have been included in the provisional squad of 19 to represent the Dorset Premier league to play their Hampshire counterparts at Hamworthy United FC tonight (Wednesday).

Adam Linaker, Lewis Whyton, Alex Halloran and Ashley Smith will be joined by Weymouth Reserves players Sean Zima and Connor Jevons.

Senior League

WESTLAND Sports moved into pole position on goal difference following a 3-1 win against visitors Portland United Reserves thanks to goals from Josh Payne, Sam Carney and Leo Hayward.

Division One

GOALS from Grant Chance, Louis Stone and Adam Rose saw The Balti House extend their lead at the top to nine points with a 3-1 victory over visitors Swanage Town & Herston.

Dorchester Sports up to third with 1-0 win at Kangaroos.

Weymouth Spartans remain fourth after they were held to a 2-2 draw by visitors Wincanton Town Reserves. Kieron House and Florinel Bujor netted for the Spartans.

Goals from Danny Critchell and Henry Clarke were not enough for Poundbury Rovers who were beaten 3-2 by Stourpaine.

Division Two

PORTESHAM United closed the gap on the leaders to eight points with a 6-1 thumping of hosts Ship Inn Wool.

Wyke Regis Social Club leapfrogged their hosts Portland Town into the top four with 3-2 win, both Town goals coming from Paul Cole.

Chickerell United Reserves hoisted themselves into the top half of the League with a 9-0 thrashing of Sturminster Newton United Reserves.

Division Four

PUDDLETOWN remain top despite being held to a 2-2 draw at Weymouth Spartans Reserves who scored through Jamie Sibley and Matthew Roberts.

Daniel Sheppard scored a hat-trick for third placed Portland Town A in their 4-1 win at Corfe Mullen United Res with Salahdine Elorch scoring the other.

Kangaroos Reserves moved further away from the bottom two with a 4-3 win at Owermoigne.

UFC Poundbury lost 2-1 at home to AFC Cobnham with Callum Coleman scoring the consolation.

Division Five

LYTCHETT Red Triangle Youth stay in second place after their 4-1 success over visitors Maiden Newton & Cattistock Reserves.

Meanwhile, Portland Town B recorded a 1-0 win over Wool & Winfrith courtesy of Gary Woolf's strike.

FIXTURES - Sat, March 1st

Premier Division
Blandford Utd v Shaftesbury Town
Hamworthy Rec v Sherborne Res
Hamworthy Utd Res v Mere Town
Merley Cobham v Cranborne
Poole Borough v Holt United
Wareham Rangers v Swanage & Hers
League Cup Quarter Finals
Bridport Res v Portland Utd
Tintinhull v Parley Sports
Senior League
Chickerell Utd v Witchampton Utd
Corfe Mullen Utd v South Cheriton Utd
Gillingham Res v Piddletrenthide Utd
Portland Utd Res v Kingston Lacy
SturmMarshall v Sturm Newton Utd
Upwey & Broadway v Okeford Utd
Westland Sports v Blandford Utd
Division One
AFC Cobham v Poole Borough Res
Bere Regis v Weymouth Spartans
Bridport 3rds v Wincanton Res
Kangaroos v Stourpaine
Milborne Sports v Poundbury Rovers
Swanage & Hers Res v Dorchester Sports
Dorset League Division Two
Corfe Castle v Wareham Rangers Res
Parley Sports v Chickerell Utd Res
Portesham Utd v Gillingham A
Portland Town v Lytchett RT
Redlands FC v Piddlehinton Utd
Shaftesbury Res v Wyke Regis SC
Sturm Newton Utd Res v Ship Inn Wool
Dorset League Division Three
Henstridge United v Bere Regis Res
Mere Town Res v Handley Sports
Stalbridge v Maiden Newton & Cat
Dorset League Division Four
Cranborne Res v AFC Cobham Res
Kangaroos Res v Corfe Mullen Utd Res
Owermoigne v Weymouth Spartan Res
Puddletown v Portland Town A
South Cheriton Res v Milborne Sports Res
UFC Poundbury v Pimperne Sports Society
Dorset League Division Five
Handley Sports Res v Piddletrenthide Utd Res
Maiden Newton & Catt Res v Broadstone Res
Marnhull v Corfe Castle Res
Okeford Utd Res v Portland Utd Youth
Portland Town B v Lytchett RT Youth

Winchester shoot down bandits

WINCHESTER WASPS 104
WEYMOUTH BANDITS 74

THIS was always going to be a difficult game for Men's Solent 1bottom side Weymouth having already been beaten by third placed Wasps in the reverse fixture, and it was not made any easier by the Bandits travelling with only seven players.

Kyle Houlden and Alex Legg, both making their first appearances of the season for the Bandits got four points each in the first quarter, but it was the Wasps who took early control of the game 31-19.

The second quarter did not get much better for Weymouth. Sam Brown picked up his third foul early on, and did not play the rest of the quarter for fear of fouling out before the second half begun. Josh Turner, Max Gilmartin, Craig Sorrell and Legg all chipped in with two points apiece, but the Bandits efforts could not match the relentless pressing game of the Wasps who finished the quarter even better to lead 57-30 at half time.

Weymouth adopted a small line-up in the third quarter which paid off; Gilmartin top scoring with 5 points, Chris Canham, Turner and Legg all contributing with four points.

Wasps had taken their foot off the gas by now, and it showed in the final score of the quarter which the Bandits won 27-22.

The final quarter was a scrappy affair with both teams having mini runs. Sam Brown finally fouled out, although it was MVP Sorrell who was the highlight of quarter making it rain from the three-point line with three made in the fourth, but it was Winchester that won the game 104-74.

Sam Brown said: "Bandits gave a good go at high riding Wasp's, but our lack of bench hampered our ability to play our own energetic game; sticking to a zone instead of man defence which made it easier for Winchester when they were in attack.

"Also my early foul trouble did not help as we only had one other forward in the team. Winchester's ability to execute plays into points just shows why they are third in the league."

ROSTER/SCORERS: Sorrell 22, Gilmartin 12, Canham 12, Houlden 10, Legg 8, Brown 8, Turner 2.

Weymouth & District Table Tennis

Ryan claims double in finals

AT the end of a long and enjoyable day's table tennis, John Ryan walked away a double winner having taken the Division 2 singles and doubles title with Peter Stopforth.

The annual Weymouth & District Table tennis League Tournament was held recently at Westfield Arts College in Preston, and despite the horrendous weather, attracted over 80 players from the region from Shipton Gorge to even Portland despite the huge storms along the coast.

Hosted by Preston TTC, players competed in nine different categories from junior to veteran and open in both singles and doubles, with a handicap system used in the open event to ensure parity betweek different leagues as best as possible.

Following preliminary rounds during the day which included some fine table tennis, in particular from the youngsters who progressed well in all competitions, the evening was given over to the finals.

Chairman of Preston TTC, Malcolm Smith, opened the evening by thanking all the organisation committee and introducing the guests for the evening, Nathan Bingham, a rising star in the Dorset table tennis scene and Chloe Thomas, a Welsh international player.

There followed a coaching session and demonstration match before the finals took place.

The day finished around 10pm with Brian Copp, President of the League closing the event with a short speech thanking all the committee members for their efforts in organising the event and Andy Millar in particular for his efforts with the young players who were well represented throughout the tournament.

Results: Div 1 Singles Sai Maganti beat Derrick Dawson; Div 2 Singles John Ryan beat Ben Graham; Div 3 Singles Moses Lewis beat James Green; Div 1 Doubles Andy Webb &Tony Reed beat Mick Hogan & Clive Stow; Div 2 Doubles John Ryan & Peter Stopforth beat Eric Horniblow & Stuart Walden; Div 3 Doubles Jamie Blair & Andy Ray beat Mark Whittingham & Peter Loakes; Veterans Handicap Neil Hardisty beat Val Bundy; Junior Handicap Ben Graham beat Sam Millar; Open Handicap Peter Loakes beat Ethan Gear

The league committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Preston club who spent many hours on the day and prior to the event organising the games, the results, the tombola and the cafe.

■ **CRACKING TOURNAMENT:** (From left): Guests Chloe Thomas and Nathan Bingham, Brian Copp (President) and Neil Hardisty (Veterans winner).

Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS and tables as at February 23rd: Colliton XQ2013 6 Colliton Cons 1, West Dorset Club A 5 Trinity M 2, Trinity Express 2 WDC Whipping Boys 5.
30+ breaks; C Haskell 40; E Wellman 38.
Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (67).

Table (week 15)	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A	13	60
Trinity M	13	54
Trinity Gooduns	12	50
Colliton Hopefuls	12	49
Purbeck Potters	12	48
Trinity Express	14	47
Colliton Cons	13	46
Colliton XQ2013	12	42
WDC Whipping Boys	13	30

Team Open Knockout Cup Final result
Trinity M 4 Trinity Gooduns 3.

Team Handicap Knock-out Cup semi-finals
The Final between Colliton Hopefuls and Colliton XQ2013 will be played on Wednesday, March 5th at the Colliton Club.

Rearranged League matches
Colliton XQ 2013 v Purbeck Potters – Monday, March 17th.
Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity Gooduns (Tuesday, March 18th).
Colliton Cons v Colliton Hopefuls - To finish (score so far 2-3).

FINAL CALL
Snooker Individual and Pairs Knockout competition
MORE entries are required for the Individual Open and Handicap Snooker Knockout competitions, together with the Open Pairs, are to be staged at the end of the snooker season using the Colliton Club and Trinity Club tables.

The dates for the various competitions are to be determined once the entries for each competition are finalised.

In the meantime, the closing date by which entries will be accepted by the Secretary has been extended until Saturday March 1st.

FINAL CALL
Billiards League
More entries are needed for the Billiards League which will be run this year based on two man teams.

For this reason, the closing date for entries for the forthcoming season has been extended until Saturday March 1st.

Send your sports news, reports, scores and photos to; *howard@pemedia.co.uk*

Bridport & District Darts League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	17	31
BSC	17	30
Times Up	17	23
All Stars	17	21
Nomads	16	19
Knapp Inn	17	19
Hands of Time	17	17
Young Guns	17	17
Nags Head A	16	13
Surely that's en'gh	17	8
Dat Team	17	2
Odd Bods	17	2

Most 180s: Terry Prowse (Rob's Robbers) 7, Mark Munro (All Stars), Matt Brotherton (Rob's Robbers) & Sam Legg (Young Guns), Merv Wackley (Hands of Time) all 5, six players x4.
Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 100% (16/16)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings	16	29
Rubber Johns	16	25
Odds or Us	15	24
Elders	15	20
Young Darters	16	18
The Surgeons	15	11
Royal Hawks	14	10
One Direction	15	10
Poachers	15	10
Bob's Boys	15	8
Broken Arrows	16	3

Most 180: Wayne Doble (Rubber Johns) 4, Mike Day (One for the Vikings) and Kenny Poole (One Direction) both 3.
Win %: Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) 100% (15/15).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Flashes Fives	14	24
Only Just	14	19
Time Bombs	15	19
Anchor Five	13	18
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	17
Inbetweeners	14	12
Mozzies Heroes	13	9
The Capercaillies	13	7
Midnight Runners	14	6
Odd & Sods	13	5

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods) & Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both 2, Seven players x1.
Win %: Andre Reynolds 85.71% (12/2).

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	16	21
The Royal Nuts	15	21
Tiger Bees	16	19
Tip Top Odds	15	19
All the Kings Men	16	19
Sorted Odds	16	17
Sue's Rebels	16	14
Greyhound	15	13
Dodgers	15	12
No Direction	15	8
Con Artists	15	7

Most 180s: Craig Collins (Con Artists) 2, Five players 1.
Win %: John Boyle (Otter Rotters) 100% (16/16)

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap	14	26
Anchor Aces	14	24
Clocking On	14	22
Knight 'n' Gals	14	20
Queenies of the Cl	14	13
Sue's Rebels	14	10
Kings Arrows	14	9
Queen Bees	14	8
Next Door	14	5
Castaways	14	3

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) and Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) both 1.
Win %: Sarah Chick 100% (13/13).

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers	10	17
Against the Odds	10	14
Wildcats	10	13
Dougalls Dollies	11	11
Good Mates	10	9
Anchors Aweigh	11	7
Charlie's Angels	10	7
Tiger Stripes	10	4

Most 180s: None.
Win %: Sue Marks (Cliff Hangers) 87.50% (7/1), A.Parkman (Charlie's Angels) 100% (3/3).

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees ship six and rue costly errors

Bridport 2 Melksham Town 6
Toolstation Premier – att: 84

THE scoreline suggests a heavy defeat for Bridport in their first Toolstation Western League Premier Division game for several weeks, but the margin was not as great as the result implies.

The Bees defence found Melksham duo Dan Kovacs and Gary Higdon in devastating form and their finishing was top class, whilst at the other end Bridport couldn't capitalise on a number of chances which came their way.

Melksham took the lead on 13 minutes when they broke from defence and a cross found Higdon who flicked the ball on for Kovacs to rifle into the net.

They then had a good claim for a penalty turned down for a foul by Shane Evans, but almost immediately Bridport were awarded one when Ryan Dovell was brought down, and Dan Wise coolly converted from the spot to draw level.

Despite the Bees forcing several corners throughout the half they couldn't convert them into goals and paid for it as Melksham grabbed two goals in as many minutes just before the half hour.

The first was a poor one to concede when the unmarked Kovacs was allowed to chest a corner down before turning and firing home from close range.

The second was unlucky when Wise lost his footing in the slippery conditions on the halfway line and could only knock the ball into the path of the opposition.

The ball was fed to Higdon and he let fly with a superb 20-yard drive into the far corner of the net.

Bridport continued to force a series of corners as they took the game to their opponents with Dovell, Chris Clarke and Darren Watts all going close with headers before half-time.

It appeared if Bridport could get the next goal they would be right back in the game, but disaster struck minutes after the resumption from a long clearance out of defence following a Bridport corner. Skipper Ryan Hayter chased it back but was robbed as he tried to shepherd it out for a throw-in midway in his own half from which the ball was crossed into the box, where Higdon finished it off.

As in the first-half the Bees responded immediately and Matt Condliffe pulled it back to 4-2 with a terrific shot from the angle of the box that flew into the far corner.

They might have reduced the arrears further soon after when Chris Clarke appeared to duck under a cross. Dovell, whether unsighted until the last moment or not, got his head to the ball and should have done better than to put his header over the crossbar.

Once again Melksham struck almost immediately with a bizarre goal from a corner; Tom Richardson on as substitute missed the ball with his right foot and it struck his standing foot and went into goal.

Despite the game essentially being over, Bridport continued to play attractive football.

But they were then dealt an unwelcome blow in the last minute when Sam Filkins, under pressure from a forward, missed a swinging left wing cross and the ball rolled through to Dan Sibley who tapped into an empty net.

Big Ben bags hat trick

Wareham Rangers 1
Bridport Reserves 3

BEN Clarke hit the complete hat trick; a left foot, header and then right foot: as Bridport Reserves went into overdrive after a goalless first half at Wareham in their first game for several weeks.

With eight players unavailable, manager Robin Townsend drafted in Chris Herbst and Jamie McClements from the 3rds as well as Jack Scovell, despite being injured.

In addition Dom McAllister who returned from Cardiff to sit on the sub's bench came on for Scovell who picked up an injury that could see him sidelined for a few weeks.

"I'm disappointed by the players that made themselves unavailable, but grateful for the lads that stood in and they all did very well," said Townsend. "The pitch was not the best and a bit of a leveller and it was windy and blustery."

Clarke thought it was not to be his day after just two minutes when he failed to connect properly from six yards, and with the elements in their favour in the first-half, Wareham probably had the best of the chances in the first-half, although Townsend was impressed with his back for of Herbst, Darren Lock, Ashley Clarke and McClements.

"It was difficult conditions but Darren and Ash missed nothing and Chris and Jamie got forward to support and did their chances no harm at all."

Townsend's second-half instructions to not hit it long after the break worked to perfection, and Clarke put the Bees ahead when McAllister, with his first touch, cushioned a cross down for the striker to volley home with his left foot.

He then doubled the lead with a header from a corner before keeper Billy Fleet made a magnificent reaction save having started to go the wrong way.

Clarke put the game beyond doubt when he chased a long ball almost to the corner before cutting along the byline and beating two defenders before scoring with his right foot from an acute angle.

Five minutes from the end Wareham scored a consolation when Elliott Slade rounded Fleet after he was put free with a ball over the top.

Injured Hitchcock fuming at lack of commitment

Bridport 3rds 1 Milborne Sport 5

MANAGER Andy Hitchcock was fuming after Saturday's defeat by second placed Milborne Sports, not with his players, but with the number of absentees, many of whom lined the St Mary's Playing Field pitch drinking and smoking, particularly as he was nursing a dislocated elbow and broken arm as a result of an injury he sustained playing in the match.

Hitchcock, a self-employed plasterer by trade, will now miss at least six weeks work as a result of the injury.

The former midfield maestro has struggled to put out a full side for most of the season.

While he accepts that being the manager of the third team he is likely to be left looking for players at a late stage due to calls by the first and reserve teams, he is angry at the numbers of players who week after week give lame excuses as to why they cannot play and questions their commitment.

"When you sign for a club you do so on the understanding that you could be playing every Saturday of the season and you are committing yourself to do so except for injury, work commitments and special occasions such as weddings.

"Each week I see a number of players signed on that watch from the touchline but claim to be unavailable to play.

"There were at least another 12 players signed for Bridport Football Club that were unavailable last Saturday; one had to work because of his shift pattern and another was away in London working and I think there were two injured.

"Others claimed they had to go shopping with their wife or were watching the rugby on television. If they are not interested then why sign in the first place?"

With the reserves short on number, Hitchcock sent two of his players to sit on their bench which meant that the 41-year-old had to play in defence and 50-year-old coach Shaun Annetts in goal.

"I wouldn't have been playing and got injured if we had enough players, and like Shaun, who I would like to thank for turning out as well, felt obliged to help the team. I will now be off work and football for at least six weeks as a result.

"These young lads need to think on about their attitudes."

On the pitch Hitchcock gave a debut to Matthew Drake, son of former Dorchester midfielder Richard, who showed some neat touches in midfield, whilst Bridport's goal was scored by Luke Hayter whose attempted cross found the corner of the net.

Hitchcock added: "We had chances to have scored more, but everyone who played gave their best."

Bridport skittles League

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, March 3rd:

Over 58s - 2nd Round
Tuesday, March 4th

Tiger: N Pye; M Willcox; A Huxter; S Yeatman; B Chapple; M Chivers; H Yeatman; M Hansford; L Dare; C Langdon; D Fox; G Legg; R Herbert; B Crandon; C Hopkins; M Barnes.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	14	28
Shipfaced	14	20
Slingers	14	16
Broadoak	14	14
Denhay Farm	14	14
Masters	14	14
Rejects	14	14
Rockets	14	14
Smithys Boys	14	14
Rough Eight	14	10
The Dingles	14	8
Nelson Nobblers	14	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Lively Lads	12	18
Outsiders	12	18
Gerryatrics	12	17
Crazy Gang	12	12
NBC	12	12
U Know the Blokes	11	12
Dingbats	12	10
Miss the Ball	13	10
W.Dorset Panthers	13	10
Bangers	12	8
7" Clock	13	7

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	12	16
Mean Machine	11	16
Originals	11	14
Swimming Club	12	12
AFAR	12	10
Bulldogs	11	10
Strawpeedoes	11	10
LHS	10	9
Castouts	11	8
Groundhogs	11	7

Division D	Pld	Pts
Pioneers	11	16
Unknowns	11	16
Countrymen	12	14
Survivorsa	12	14
Let em Roll	11	12
Whisky Chasers	10	10
Alcoholics	10	8
Featherbeds	11	8
Rob's Rebels	10	6
Offcuts	11	4

Highest individual league score: N.Pye (90 x2).
Highest individual cup score: N.Matterface (90).

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps	9	16
Hidden Talent	8	12
Yo Yo's	8	12
Alleycats	8	8
Pinbashers	10	8
No Problem	9	6
Bad Girls	8	4
Tiger Lilies	8	2

Highest individual score: S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

Hockey

WITH STUART BROOM

Scare for Hawks as promotion quest continues

West Dorset Hawks 5 Shepton Mallet A 0

THE Hawks defence came under real examination on Saturday when they entertained Shepton Mallett.

The visitors had a great chance to go ahead in the early minutes when a mistake in defence left Richard Pusey no alternative to dive across the goal and save a goal bound shot with his feet and concede a penalty flick.

Fortunately for Hawks it was a poor effort, although keeper Tom Lowe did brilliantly to adjust after committing himself and block the ball with his chest.

The disappointment didn't deter Shepton and they forced a series of corners, the first of which saw Julian May clearing off his line.

The West Dorset side withstood the tough examination, and rather against the run of play took the lead with a magnificent goal.

Rick Steele crossed for Robin Goodfellow, to fire in a fabulous reverse stick shot at the far post.

Undeterred Shepton began the second-half in the same vein but had the wind taken out of their sails when Hawks added a second; Mike Thompson scoring with a searing reverse stick shot following another Steele cross.

West Dorset now began to dictate the game and Dan Wyatt scored from the top of the D following one of Rick Dormer's incisive runs from midfield.

Now it was the Hawks winning a series of short corners from one of which Alex Davies who also provided a lot of possession in midfield, fired home the fourth.

They went nap when Pusey's run and cross was met by Steele at the far post.

The result was a little unfair on Shepton but it showed the Hawks resiliance and ability to turn a game around, something they may need again at fifth placed Minehead A this Saturday.

South East 1 (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
WEST DORSET	17	41	40
Bridgwater A	17	47	37
Yeovil & Sherborne A	17	49	35
Sidmouth & Ottery B	17	19	35
Minehead A	17	-6	28
Torbay A	17	-5	25
Shepton Mallet A	17	1	23
Isca D	17	-9	22

Unlucky 13

Yeovil & Sherb C 2 West Dorset Hawks A 1

THE failure to take their chances saw West Dorset Hawks A unbeaten run come to an end after 13 games.

Hawks squandered a number of opportunities to have won easily, but still leading by a single goal going into the final ten minutes, the hosts scored from their only two short corners of the game.

Despite missing two of their more experienced players, the visitors totally dominated the game from the start but could not turn their superiority into goals, and it wasn't until midway through the first-half that Alex Drew put them ahead, producing some nice stick work to find a space before drilling the ball into the corner from the top of the D.

The dominance continued into the second-half with the Hawks keeper not having to make a save, but the game changed when Ed Calvert was yellow carded with 15 minutes to go, effectively leaving the Hawks with ten men for the remaining minutes.

Yeovil finally forced their first short corner from which they scored and then three minutes from the end scored the winner with their second.

Skipper Henry Middleton said: "It was one of those days. Unfortunately we could not convert our chances despite dominating the game, and they pop up and catch us at the end."

The result drops West Dorset to fourth in South East 3 but with third placed Chard B entertaining top of the table Bridgwater C they could get back into the race for promotion if they beat lowly East Devon D.

South East 3 (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Bridgwater C	17	54	43
ECV Hornets C	17	44	38
Chard B	17	36	37
WEST DORSET A	17	51	36
Yeovil & Sherborne C	17	23	32
Isca E	17	5	26
East Devon C	17	-7	18
Ashmoor B	17	-17	17

Triple success for local Tae Kwon-Do duo

THERE was triple success for three of Bridport's TAGB Tae Kown-Do members at the start of a busy week for the club.

Brilliant performances by Rosie Aze and Steve Phillips at the recent South West Championships in Paignton saw them selected to represent their club for the second time at the English Championships next month at Worcester.

Competing against martial artists from across the region they fought and performed brilliantly and did especially well as it was their first tournament.

Instructor Chloe Richards also returned home with a bronze for individual sparring.

Aze and Phillips also graded for their next belt along with Julie Kelly and Rowan McEvoy in Honiton the following Sunday.

All four were successful and have been awarded with their new colour belts.

This follows an exciting assembly at Bridport Primary School, where Aze and her brother Joe, demonstrated their skills alongside Richardsone of the school's teaching assistant's Julie.

The training times have changed for Bridport TAGB Tae Kwon-Do and a special Tigers class for juniors is being offered.

You can join them at Bridport Leisure Centre on Sundays from 5pm–6pm or at Loders Village hall on Wednesdays where the Tigers will train from 5pm–6pm and everyone else from 6pm–7pm. You can email the instructor, Miss Chloe Richards, at bridporttagb@gmail.com, phone 07999 317673 or look at the Target TAGB website.

Youth football

Lowden strike puts Bridport in county final

PORTLAND U14 1 BRIDPORT 2

ALTHOUGH this county semi-final game was switched to Portland because of the ground conditions, Bridport were still confident of victory having already won on the rock this season in the league, although it turned out to be much closer cup-tie than they thought.

Both teams started strongly but with Bridport hitting both posts of the Portland goal in the first 10 minutes, the visitors might have thought it might not be their day.

Samuel Handyside then hit the crossbar just before finally putting the visitors in front; Dane James' long throw found Handyside, who placed his shot past the home keeper.

Bridport really should have been out of sight by the time Portland pulled level two minutes before the interval.

The second-half saw Bridport came out the stronger and really frustrate the home team who never got to force keeper Jordon Scadding to make a save.

It was Callan Lowden who finally won Bridport a deserved place in the final with a fine strike from an acute angle.

Bridport rugby

Cutting blow in Blues dismal showing

Salisbury 2nds 48 Bridport 24

ONE of the joys of sport is that it should be unpredictable.

Bridport travelled to bottom club Salisbury 2nd's fresh from holding league leaders Blandford to just a seven point difference last week.

With the hosts without a win all season and having shipped a difference of 466 points, the Blues were confident of victory; too confident, according to team manager Grant Connelly.

Salisbury had obviously not read the script and they had a comfortable win over Bridport whose excuses were legion: half term, six nations on television and complacency.

The hard fact was that the Blues should have had this game in the bag but the unexpected vigour of the home side combined with some truly disjointed play from the Bridport squad resulted in a very uncomfortable final scoreline.

In a see-saw game Bridport made some bad decisions; running long balls in a strong wind from their own 22, not clearing their lines and giving most generous scoring opportunities to their hosts. Their tries came from Donald Farmer, Ollie Everitt, Will Hagerty and Andrew Livingstone.

The chink of light was the debut at prop of Mark Follet who had a cracking game against experienced opposition and has now provided Bridport with more depth at an important position in the front row.

Very sadly however, captain Dave Cutting suffered a most serious broken jaw which means the end of his season.

It was good to see the Canadian Smith brothers supporting from the touchline. Dave Smith broke his leg at Wareham at the end of November and will have the metalwork in his leg finally removed next month.

The second team game at Ringwood did not take place, whilst non-playing members enjoyed pies and pints while watching the England victory at Twickenham on the clubhouse televisions.

Both sides will be at home next week; The first team entertain Oakmedians whilst the second's host Lychett Minster. All are welcome at the Brewery Ground for the 3pm kick-off.

Bridport U11 5 Oakmedians 0

AS with the England v Ireland match, the scoreline does not reflect the quality of the game.

It was a great performance that included the whole team, as the backs under the leadership of Reuben Jolliffe step up to the challenge of breaking the gain line and playing the ball in the oppositions half.

In previous matches they have lost to this Bournemouth side that has the luxury of a large squad, but they are now punching above their weight.

They have a team that is gelling together and special mention goes to new centres Lewis Ali, the man-of-the-match, and Ned Seal who have only joined the club this season, but have brought strength to the back line.

The try scorer was Ryan Phillips with a dynamic run to the corner.

Under 10s

THE might of **Oakmeadians** assembled against Bridport's intrepid in windy conditions with the odd shower, and with spectators fired by the England heroics against the Irish, thoughts that Bridport could succeed.

Unfortunately they didn't. There is a simple axiom in rugby: "You have to tackle"; and Bridport didn't.

Some of the positional lessons learnt on the training ground are being applied, and improvement in handling can be seen, but nearly every Oak open play attack resulted in a try.

Toby Gale crossed the line for Bridport, but it was a solitary response. There is much to do, and not a lot of time to do it in. New blood is needed now to stiffen the ranks, and if it has a touch of Viking in it, so much the better!

Under 9s

IT was another good performance from Bridport, but much more of a struggle this week to break through a very good **Oakmedian** defence.

Bridport needed to spread themselves out more when attacking and let the ball do more of the work for them by passing out to the wings and into the space.

More awareness of their positioning would improve their attacking play enormously. However, Bridport did tackle well and made some great runs, with tries scored by Fred Underhay and Jude Wright.

It is great to see improvements within the team with each match that is played, and Bridport will continue to work on their weaker areas to strengthen their overall match play.

■ **CONGRATULATIONS**: Dave Cutting (Right) congratulates Roger Clark watched by Grant Connolly

New head coach for Blues

BRIDPORT Rugby Club have appointed **Roger Clark** as the new Head Coach after Krissie Washington decided to stand back rather than stand down completely, as she was unable to attend one of the two weekly training sessions for personal reasons.

Clark has been coaching in the region for over 21 years and been assisting Washington for some months. He is an "old school" ex-hooker who is happy to stand up but would never take a step back. He says he is very impressed with Bridport's up and coming young players who show commitment and an interest to learn.

He will team up with captain Dave Cutting who is in his first season as captain and first team manager Grant Connolly who played 35 seasons for the Blues.

Under 12s festival a hit

AFTER the hurricane force winds and rain last Sunday week's calm and sunny day came as a great relief to all.

With no rugby having been played at the Brewery Field on Saturday, conditions despite soggy underfoot were ideal for Bridport's Under 12s Rugby Festival and allowed players and their families from all over the county to enjoy a relaxing morning's rugby.

Club spokesman John McHugh said: "What a sight to lift the hearts of frustrated sportsmen everywhere! Small bodies on small feet did not do too much damage to the sodden ground and everybody enjoyed themselves.

There are no results to report as it was essentially a free for all with kids of both sexes and their parents enjoying the sunny morning."

Bridport bowls

Royals rumbled

BRIDPORT men were able to field a fully committed team for the first time this season in the Wessex League and they put on a magnificent show to beat the **Bournemouth Royals** 85-78 overall to pick up 14 of the 16 points available.

At Bournemouth captain Chris Thorne led the way, as he has done throughout the season, and with Mike Parsons, Brian Walsh and Bill Payne they fought back from an early 2-6 deficit to level it at 9-9 before surging ahead 21-9 and finally winning 23-14.

Dave Roberts, Phil Hedges, Brian Morgan and Bob Taylor were trailing 4-17 after 10 ends, but inspired by the Thorne charge they held their own over the remaining 11 ends to lose 14-26.

At Bridport a storming finish from Martin Wilton, Mike Long, Keith Brooks and Brian Conisbee saw them come from behind to win 25-21, whilst Brian Baker, Brian Galpin, Derek Harp and Ivor Parker shot into a 20-7 lead but were pegged back to 20-13, before finally running out 23-17 winners.

Summing up the season Baker said "Thorne has done a great job in his first season as captain and, despite finishing one from bottom, we have picked up many more points than expected".

An exciting pairs **afternoon Round Robin** competition at Bridport saw Sylvia Fletcher & Barbara Jenkins tie with Mike Parsons & Max Dare scoring 23 shots each, with the lads sportingly letting the ladies pick up the Mars Bars Trophies!

Ideal sailing conditions for Spring warm-up

AFTER the raging storms and torrential rain of late who would have thought that the 25 crews in this year's Sutton Bingham Spring Warm-Up event on Sunday, February 16th would be greeted by a beautiful sunny day with a mirror-like lake.

Right on cue the breeze came in from the south in time for the 11.30am first race start, and the 8-10 knot wind prevailed throughout the day providing fabulous sailing.

Castle Cove visitors Sam Pascoe and Alex Adams in their Merlin Rocket and Kevin Francis and Philip Male in an Osprey, battled it out at the front of the fleet in all three races, the Merlin coming out on top on each occasion to take overall honours, with the Osprey finishing 3rd on handicap.

Lyme Regis Albacore sailed by Lily Helston and Jerry Rook were never far adrift of the leaders and finished 4th overall. Sutton Bingham Club Champion, Howard Frear, sailing his Streaker dinghy performed well too finishing 2nd overall with two 2nd places on handicap.

The three Sutton Bingham Solo sailors, Richard Frost, Andy Roxborough and Adrian Neal had a good tussle in every race with Frost coming out on top to take 5th overall. Top Laser was Rob Jaimieson in 8th overall, whilst club junior Andrew Frost in his RS Tera Pro had an outstanding second race with a 3rd place to finish 7th overall.

The Spring Warm-Up also formed part of two inter-club events; the recently revived Banbury Chaser between Sutton Bingham and Lyme Regis and a three-club challenge including Castle Cove.

Points of the top three boats from each club were tallied up and club commodore Alan Chinn was pleased to award Sutton Bingham the Banbury Chaser and announce that they had also won the first leg of three-club challenge.

The team results were; 1st Sutton Bingham 14 pts (2,5,7); 2nd Castle Cove 17 pts (1,3,13) and 3rd Lyme Regis 20 points (4,6,10).

■ **ROCKETING HOME**: Sam Pascoe and Alex Adams win the first meeting of the season in their Merlin Rocket *Photo by IAN JAY*

Colfox rowers clinch four National Gold Standards

ONCE again the Sir John Colfox School achieved sporting success; this time in rowing.

The Bridport school entered four teams in the West Dorset Indoor Rowing Championships held at Bridport Leisure Centre and left with three team titles but more incredibly four individual National Gold Standards.

The school have been hugely successful since the event began in 2012 in qualifying for the county finals, and although quietly confident of doing well,most of the teams were participating for the first time.

The Year 7 girls team of Livvy Willmore, Rosie Hart, Dulcie Gatehouse and Bronwyn Wright got them off to a good start by winning their event, with Willmore recording a county record and in doing so achieving the Gold Standard.

The Year 7 boys team of Manny Cox, Marcus Burt, Nat Wormleighton and Ethan Staddon also performed well, but were nudged into second place by just eight metres; Staddon, who only joined the team last week, recording an incredible distance and also achieving the Gold Standard.

The Year 8 boys team of Tom Crabtree, Tom Hughes, Thai Chant and George Wyrill were looking to better their second place in last year's competition and did so in style; winning by a big margin.

Hughes, who competed for the year 9s last year, set a new county record and also achieved the Gold Standard.

The Year 9 boys were confident of doing well after making the county final last year, and the team of Dane James, Jed Gravelle, Todd Langdon and Kieran Dunning did not disappoint.

new county record

They set an incredible combined distance and in doing so James also set a new county record and achieved the Gold Standard.

Coach Andy David said: "This was another brilliant day for the school, and for four National Standards to be achieved, all by Colfox students, is incredible."

Headteacher Kay Taylor said: "I am always so amazed and impressed by the quality of the sport in school. Well done to all the students and thanks to all the staff."

All four teams now qualify for the County Championships at the Youth Games to be held on April 2nd.

■ **ROWING TO GLORY:** TSJCS students celebrate their rowing success

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Havant & W'ville (14th)	20	8	30
Farnborough	26	-12	30
Hayes & Yeading	23	0	28
Whitehawk	27	-12	28
Boreham Wood	25	-1	26
Maidenhead Utd	24	-8	25
Tonbridge Angels	23	-13	25
DORCHESTER TOWN	**27**	**-34**	**24**
Gosport Borough	21	-13	19

Calor Premier (top)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	31	79	75
Chesham United	31	42	64
St Albans City	32	34	64
Cambridge City	28	29	59
Bideford	34	21	59
Stourbridge	31	44	56
Poole Town	24	24	48
Corby Town	29	2	45
Hungerford	27	19	43
WEYMOUTH	**29**	**-6**	**41**
Arlesley Town	33	-2	41
Biggleswade Town	29	9	40
Hitchin Town	29	9	40
Banbury United	30	-13	40
Burnham	30	-14	38

Toolstation Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	29	52	65
Larkhall Athletic	22	51	64
Gillingham Town	26	39	60
Street	30	14	54
Willand Rovers	25	8	42
Odd Down	22	15	39
Bitton	24	10	38
Melksham Town	26	-3	38
Cadbury Heath	26	4	37
Hallen	23	4	36
Longwell Green	23	-6	31
Buckland Athletic	24	-1	29
Winterbourne Utd*	29	-18	29
Brislington	20	-3	27
BRIDPORT	***26***	***-9***	***27***
Slimbridge	23	-15	22
Sherborne Town	22	-11	21
Radstock Town*	25	-26	19
Hengrove Athletic	23	-23	18
Ilfracombe Town	23	-37	17
Bishop Sutton	25	-45	12

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RES	***23***	***27***	***44***
Hamworthy Rec	21	39	42
PORTLAND UNITED	***20***	***37***	***42***
Merley Cobham	21	27	42
Mere Town	20	22	35
BRIDPORT RES	***21***	***15***	***34***
Blandford United	21	0	33
Holt United	24	-15	27
Shaftesbury Town*	23	-18	26
Swanage & Herston*	20	2	25
Wareham Rangers	19	-1	24
Cranborne	22	-35	23
Tintinhull	19	-8	22
Sherborne Town Res	20	-6	20
Hamworthy Utd Res*	19	-23	18
Parley Sports	22	-26	18
Poole Borough	23	-37	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	13	32	32
Chickerell Utd	13	19	32
Sturm Marshall	12	17	27
Corfe Mullen Utd	12	21	23
Upwey & Broadwey	12	8	23
Portland Utd Res	13	-1	20
Gillingham Res	12	-3	18
Witchampton Utd	11	7	17
Blandford Utd Res	13	-3	15
South Cheriton	13	-6	15
Piddlehinton Utd	17	-20	12
Sturm Newton Utd	12	-2	10
Kingston Lacy	14	-33	8
Okeford Utd	13	-36	3

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	16	19	40
Milborne Sports	15	30	31
Dorchester Sports	15	19	30
Weymouth Spartans	16	-1	29
Kangaroos	14	9	25
Poundbury Rovers	15	6	23
Wincanton Town Res	12	7	20
AFC Cobham	15	-15	15
Swanage & Herst Res	14	-11	13
Bridport 3rds	14	-12	13
Stourpaine	14	-14	11
Poole Borough Res*	10	0	9
Bere Regis	16	-37	4

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	13	47	36
Portesham Utd	11	13	28
Parley Sports Res	14	20	26
Wyke Regis SC	16	1	26
Portland Town	16	7	25
Chickerell Utd Res	13	10	21
Shaftesbury Town Res	12	5	21
Redlands FC	14	2	20
Corfe Castle	15	1	20
Gillingham Town A*	13	0	16
Piddlehinton Utd	17	-21	12
Wareham Rangers Res	12	-11	11
Ship Inn, Wool	18	-36	11
Sturm Newton Res	12	-38	6

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Stickland Utd	15	33	35
Broadstone	16	50	33
Henstridge Utd	14	7	28
Mere Town Res	14	29	27
AFC Blandford	11	23	27
Handley Sports	16	0	22
Maiden Newton & Catt	8	13	16
Stalbridge	13	-13	16
Sturm Marshall Res	16	-23	14
Portland Town Res	15	-38	7
Bere Regis Res	10	-29	6
Donhead Utd	14	-52	3

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	13	26	30
Milborne Sports Res	13	15	26
Portland Town A	16	2	26
Owermoigne	12	7	21
Weymouth Spart Res	13	-3	21
Pimperne SS	14	7	20
AFC Cobham Res	11	3	19
UFC Poundbury	16	-14	17
Cranborne Res	14	0	15
Kangaroos Res	15	-13	15
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	13	-15	9
South Cheriton Res	12	-15	8

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	13	29	31
Lytchett RT Youth	13	23	28
Portland Town B	17	-26	22
Corfe Castle Res	14	7	22
Broadstone Res	10	8	19
Wool & Winfrith	11	7	18
Marnhull	12	2	16
Handley Sports Res	11	6	14
Piddletrenthide Res*	12	-5	13
Okeford Utd Res	13	-30	8
Maiden Newt & C Res*	10	-25	3

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Matthews takes the Terras job on permanent basis

■ WILLING TO CARRY ON: Jason Matthews who has agreed to continue as manager of Weymouth FC

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JASON Matthews is to continue as manager of Weymouth Football Club for the foreseeable future.

The experienced goalkeeper replaced Brendon King in mid-December, initially as caretaker boss, since which the Terras have collected 19 points from 11 games.

A statement issued by the club reads: "Weymouth Football Club are delighted to announce that they have reached agreement with current manager Jason Matthews for him to remain in the role.

"Jason has been working very hard since his appointment - originally as caretaker manager - and agreed to accept the role on a permanent basis at last week's board meeting.

"Jason originally agreed to act as player manager for the remainder of this season whilst seeing if the managerial role was right for him.

"We are pleased to say that the decision has been a positive one.

"The board of directors - for their part - have been more than happy with the way Jason has gone about his role and are pleased that he has agreed to accept the responsibility as we all continue to work together to ensure a bright future for our club."

When asked the length of any contract might be, chairman Nigel Biddlecombe said: "Jason has been appointed manager of Weymouth FC, without any stipulation of the length he might stay.

"We will be discussing the details of his contract in due course. At this time we have shaken hands on a deal that will keep him in the managerial role for as long as it is what both parties want."

Terras cruise past poor Eagles

Bedford Town 0 Weymouth 3
Calor Premier – att: 220

WEYMOUTH visited Bedford Town on Saturday, a team that hasn't won a game since September, a staggering 29 games, their last point being on Boxing Day, since when they had lost 14 games on the trot.

It was imperative therefore that The Terras, despite their own patchy form did not succumb - and they made sure of victory with a very competent performance.

Three goals to the good at the break, the visitors cruised through the second-half to take the points.

Weymouth dominated from the start and took the lead on six minutes when skipper Sam Poole headed home Scott Walker's corner at the far post.

Stewart Yetton then saw his effort saved by Eagles keeper Lee Crockett before the hosts had a great chance of equalising when Jamie Nicholls found himself with only Jason Matthews to beat, but he fired over the top, and then Jordan Davies shot straight at the Terras' player/manager.

Weymouth doubled their advantage on the half hour when Jake Hutchings, one of the two Torquay loanees, celebrated his debut with a goal, heading home Adam Kelly's cross after Walker's corner had come back off the post.

They effectively killed the game two minutes from the break with a third goal, Charlie Holland setting Kelly through on goal to score with composure.

Weymouth had a relatively easy second half as Bedford looked to get back in the game, their only scare late on when Matthews was called on to turn Davis' shot for a corner with a smart save.

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